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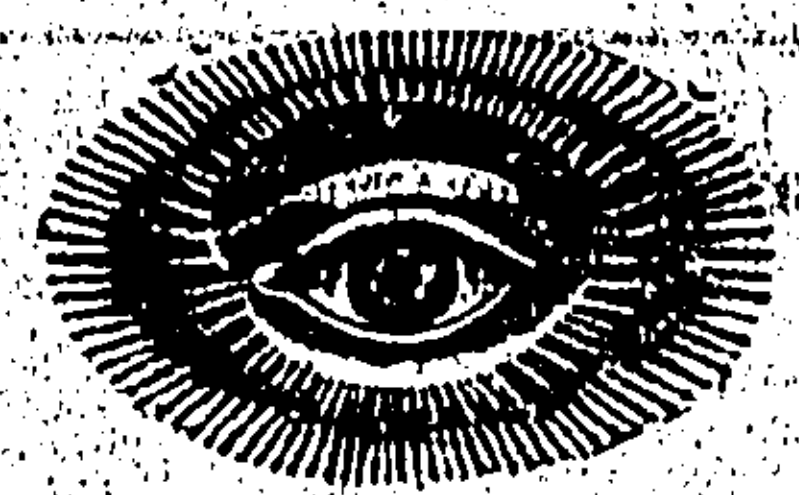
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CHIANG'S NEW VICTORY.

LOYAL TROOPS OCCUPY CHANGSHA.

HUNAN PROVINCE WON.

HANKOW GENERAL MAKING TERMS?

Latest wireless messages received by the naval authorities in Hong Kong report another important success for General Chiang Kai-shek, Cantonese troops loyal to his cause having occupied Changsha, two hundred miles from Hankow.

General Chiang Kai-shek is now reported to be in control of the greater part of Hunan Province, which he has wrested from the Communists who held it after the split in the Kuomintang.

According to a wireless message, General Tang Seng-chi, one of the chief Hankow generals has arrived at Changsha, it is thought either to make terms for the Communists or to throw in his lot with General Chiang Kai-shek.

LATEST SUCCESS.

Chiang In Control of Hunan.

Hankow, May 25.
Cantonese troops loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek are reported to have occupied Changsha and to be in control of most of Hunan Province.

[Ever since the split amongst the Nationalists, Hunan has been

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" third \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle (Second Series) will be found on page 6 of this issue. One competitor carries off the prize with only two errors.

in the control of the Communists, although it was reported a few weeks ago that there was a strong anti-Communist element extending up to Changsha—which is about two hundred miles from Hankow and connected to it by a tributary of the Yangtze.]

Tang Seng-chi at Changsha.
General Tang Seng-chi is also reported to have arrived at Changsha.

[This, if correct, must be taken as indicating a desire on the part of the Hankow Communists to come to terms with the advancing Moderate Southerners, as Tang Seng-chi has been fighting for the Communists on the Honan front. Another possible explanation is that General Tang Seng-chi, who is held in some circles not to be a Communist at all, is now throwing off his supposed allegiance to Hankow.]

A Minor Retreat.
General Tsoo-ven, the Moderate Nationalist General who has been marching on Hankow, is reported to have made a small retreat, but this cannot be due to anxiety as to the strength of the opposing forces for the small movement of troops which has taken place to-day amongst the Hankow forces has been confined to the Hankow area.

News from other fronts is scarce but firing on the Honan front continues.—British Naval Wireless.

Massing of Troops.
Chinkiang, May 25.
The Southerners are massing more troops from the South to the North Bank in preparation for an advance Northwards in the direction of Changchow (in Kiangsu).—British Naval Wireless.

Growing Anxiety.
Shanghai, May 25.
The progress of the Nationalist armies north of the Yangtze in Anhwei and Kiangsu Provinces is causing considerable uneasiness in Shantung and Chihli.—British Naval Wireless.

[Shantung and Chihli provinces are North of the provinces newly entered by the Nationalist troops and between them and Peking.]

A.P.C. Premises at Wuhu.
Wuhu, May 25.
The A.P.C. premises have not as yet been completely evacuated by the Chinese troops as promised by the authorities in response to the British protest.

HANKOW INTERESTS.

Foreign Secretary To Receive A Deputation.
London, May 25.
In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign

Secretary, replying to a suggestion by Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative) who drew attention to the anxiety of British firms possessing valuable interests in the Hankow Concession, expressed willingness to receive a deputation regarding the matter on May 30.—Reuter.

COMRADE DORIOT.

French Government Taking Action.

Paris, May 25.
M. Barthou, the Minister of Justice, addressing the committee dealing with the Government's application to suspend the privilege of immunity in the case of Doriot and other Communist deputies charged with carrying out seditious propaganda, said the Government's decision to prosecute was unanimous. The documents concerning Doriot proved a campaign of incitement to revolt among French troops and the people of Indo-China under French protectorship.

The evidence against Doriot was principally from the report of the acting Governor, M. Pasquier, who had collected a number of important documents.

M. Barthou urged that they were confronted, not with doctrines in which the right of freedom of opinion was concerned, but with a systematic and continued campaign the avowed object of which was disorganisation by revolt of the forces of national defence.

It would be for the chamber of Deputies to say whether the protection of Parliamentary immunity should continue to be accorded to agitators who openly took orders from foreigners.—Reuter.

A Paris cable dated May 23 said:—The Communist deputy Doriot has cabled to "Humanite" from Vladivostok stating that he is returning to France to defend himself in the proceedings instituted by the Government on account of speeches he made in China.—Reuter.

[Doriot, it will be remembered, visited Canton and Hankow in company with Tom Mann (British) and Earl Browder (American), making fiery speeches at Red meetings.]

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.

Order For Extensive New Evacuation.

Tokyo, May 25.
The Foreign Office has instructed Mr. Yoshizawa to order all Japanese to evacuate from Kalgan and Kaifeng to Peking.

It has also been decided to order the evacuation of Japanese women and children at Tsinan to Tsingtao owing to fear of disturbances.

2,000 Wounded in Hankow.
Hankow, May 25.
Two thousand wounded from the Honan front have arrived during the past two days. Military headquarters claimed continued Nationalist progress in Honan but the details are few and vague.—Reuter.

Peking's Disbelief.
The reports of Nationalist successes in Honan are received here with reserve. Fengtien headquarters claim that the Fengtien forces are continuing their advance on Hankow and that Feng Yu-shiang has been pushed back on Shensi.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 1/16.

HONG KONG'S TRIALS.

How The Strike Was Broken.

TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR.

London, May 25.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, presiding at a Corona Club dinner, mentioned early improvements in the colonial services likely to result from the colonial conference.

He said he hoped that before many years the interchange between colonies and the Colonial Office and one colony and another would be as free and natural as in the fighting services.

In the course of a general survey of the colonies, Mr. Amery said that the new Legislative Council of Ceylon had worked not unsatisfactorily, although, like the House of Commons, it sometimes preferred the silver of speech to the more valuable gold of silence.

A special commission was going out in the autumn to advise on amendments required to the constitution.

Mr. Amery said he thought Hong Kong had had a very difficult year. The strike had been

EMPIRE DAY.

Greetings From The Colonial Conference.

The following telegram has been received by H.E. the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"The Colonial Office Conference assembled in London send Greetings to you and the people of Hong Kong on the occasion of Empire Day."

It is regretted that it arrived too late for earlier publication.

broken by the common sense, fairness and vigilance of the Government.

Mr. Amery paid a tribute to Sir Cecil Clementi and his staff in this regard.—Reuter.

Public Health.

London, May 25.

The Colonial Conference considered questions of public health, particularly medical research, medical education, the training of natives as dispensers and sanitary officers, the training of native women as nurses, and provisions for efficient sanitary services.

A proposal is being considered for the formation of a joint Colonial Office and Medical Research Council Committee to advise the Secretary of State with regard to the management of the tropical disease research fund, to consider reports from laboratories and research institutes, to co-ordinate schemes of research to be worked out co-operatively, and to investigate the whole problem of medical research from the viewpoint of institutions both at home and overseas.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

London, May 25.

The Colonial conference has approved a scheme to enable an officer with service in several administrations to be pensioned approximately as though the services had been all in one administration, with the object of encouraging the Colonies to give better pension rights.

The conference also approved the recommendations of the Committee on mechanical transport for the establishment of a "Council for mechanical transport for the colonies," with a chairman to be appointed by Mr. Amery, to control investigations and experiments by Executive Committee experts, with the view to discovering the most suitable forms of mechanical transport. Substantial funds should be placed at the disposal of the Council.

It was agreed efforts should be made to extend the scope of operations of the Advisory Committee on native education to all the Colonies, Protectorates and mandated territories.—Reuter.

"FINE TO CLOUDY"

"North-east winds, fresh; fine to cloudy," is the local weather forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

The Hong Kong American Consulate General received the following telegram from the Manila Observatory at 3:40 p.m. on May 25:—Typhoon in about 124 degree long. E. and 16 degree lat. N. moving W.N.W.

BREAK WITH MOSCOW.

SOVIET OFFICIAL'S PAINED SURPRISE.

TO-DAY'S FULL DEBATE.

CANADA ALSO BREAKS OFF RELATIONS.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London has made a long statement in reply to the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Commons on Wednesday announcing the British Government's decision to cancel the Trade Agreement.

The whole subject is being debated in the House of Commons to-day, the Labour Party moving a motion amounting, in effect, to a vote of censure. The motion seeks to refer the matter to a Select Committee.

Canada, the only British Dominion that had not severed relations with Russia, has now decided to break with the Soviet, owing to certain conditions of her Trade Agreement having been violated.

SOVIET AMAZED.

"Flimsy Pretext and Doubtful Arguments."

London, May 25.

M. Rosengolz, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London, in a long statement in reply to Mr. Stanley Baldwin's statement in the House of Commons, on May 24 expresses amazement and deep regret that the British Government has reached such an important decision on such a "flimsy pretext and that such doubtful arguments have been used to justify the decision."

M. Rosengolz declares that two definite conclusions can be drawn from Mr. Baldwin's statement:—(1) there is evidently not a particle of evidence that the mysterious document alleged to have been lost ever found its way to Arcos House or was in any wise handled by any employee of the Trade Delegation or Arcos Limited, and

(2) there is not a particle of evidence that the Trade Delegation or Arcos Limited or any of their employees ever engaged in military espionage or any work of a similar nature.

"Unprecedented."

M. Rosengolz proceeds to deny categorically the Prime Minister's charges. He declares that the

CLYDE CONTRACTS.

British Foreign Secretary's Statement.

Rugby, May 25.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons to-day how the Government's action would affect the big engineering firms on the Clyde which were carrying out contracts with Russia.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that there was no reason why it should interfere with any legitimate business.—British Wireless Service.

British Government's decision is "a death blow to Anglo-Soviet trade."

No complaints had ever been made to him with regard to the activities of Arcos Limited or the Trade Delegation or any of its employees.

The decision to abrogate immediately the Trade Agreement is not only a violation of the agreement but an unprecedented arbitrary act in the history of international relations.

The present British Government, which came into power with the help of the notorious Zinovieff letter, has sacrificed the interests of trade and industry, friendly Anglo-Russian relations, and the peace of Europe and the world to blind hatred of the Soviet.

"Everything is sacrificed in the interest of party struggles in Great Britain."

The Soviet lays the full responsibility for all possible consequences of the rupture on the present Government of Great Britain.—Reuter.

WEAK DENIAL.

Borodin And His Work In China.

London, May 25.

M. Rosengolz says that the Soviet Embassy has had no time to make enquiries with respect to

the telegram from the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs to the Soviet representative at Peking on November 12 last, but the contents of the telegram as quoted by Mr. Baldwin bear on their face

CHINA'S INTEREST.

Will Japan Follow Britain's Lead?

Shanghai, May 26.

The interest of informed Chinese in the Anglo-Soviet break is confined to its effect on Moscow's activities in China regarding which they are awaiting with great interest to see if Japan will make a move. The breaking off of Japanese and Russian relations would it is felt, have a far more detrimental effect on these activities than British action alone.

Such a break, however, is not anticipated, at least not at present.—Reuter.

all the signs of invention, particularly the construction of the phrases used and the references to non-existent bodies.—Reuter.

[Mr. Baldwin in the course of his statement in the House of Commons cabled yesterday recalled the Charge d'Affaires, M. Rosengolz's denials in February that Borodin was in Soviet employ and disowning the latter's responsibility for his actions and speeches. This was subsequently confirmed by M. Litvinoff to the British Charge d'Affaires. Notwithstanding these denials, the British Government possessed a telegram of November of last year from the Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs to the Soviet representative at Peking whereby it was laid down:—

(1) that Borodin was to take his orders direct from Moscow, (2) the Far Eastern Bureau was to be instructed that all its decisions regarding the general policy of the Kuomintang and military and political works must be agreed with by Borodin, and (3) if they disagreed matters should be referred to Moscow. The Peking representative should be kept informed by Borodin and the Far Eastern Bureau of their decisions. Borodin's appointment as official Soviet representative to Canton was considered inadvisable, but he was to remain in charge of the work in the Cantonese Provinces and an official representative to the Canton Government should be appointed.]

TO-DAY'S DEBATE.

Labour Recommends Select Committee.

London, May 25.

The Labour motion for the debate in the House of Commons on May 26 is to the effect that the House holds the opinion that the termination of the Trade Agreement and the severance of diplomatic relations with Russia will have serious international consequences and close a promising avenue for the restoration of trade and industry; therefore these steps represent a policy to which the country ought not to be committed until a select committee submits a report after examining the documents and fully enquiring into the facts.

The motion will be proposed by Mr. J. R. Clynes in view of the unsatisfactory health of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.—Reuter.

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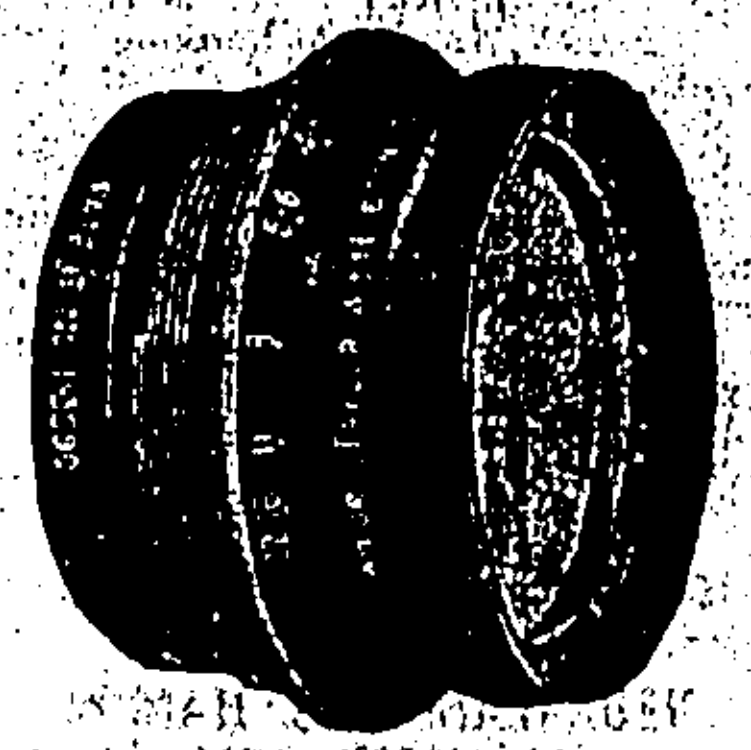
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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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comprising:—
Teak Hatstands, Teak Glass
Cabinet, Desk and Bookcase Com-
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Book Cases, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Table, Dining
Chairs, Sideboard, Dinner Wagon,
Ice Chest, Ice Cream Freezers,
Crockery, etc., etc.

Brass, Teak and Iron Bedsteads,
Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled
Mirrors, Dressing Table with
Bevelled Mirror, Teak Chest of
Drawers, Chamber Stands, etc., etc.

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A Quantity of
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

AND
1 Combination Safe,
2 Gramophones,
1 Grand Piano,
2 Corona Typewriters,
1 Perambulator.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Thursday, the
26th May, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1927.

ON
TUESDAY, the 31st May, 1927,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at No. 7, Queen's Garden
(Ground Floor)

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE

Comprising:—
Chesterfield Couch and Chairs,
Teak Bookcase, Glass Cabinet,
Carpets, Pictures, Ornaments, etc.,
etc., etc.
Teak Dining Table, Chairs, Side-
board, Dinner Wagon, Glass Ware,
Crockery, Ice Chest, etc., etc.
Teak Bedsteads, Wardrobes with
Bevelled Mirror, Dressing Table,
Chest of Drawers, Chairs, Wash-
stands, etc., etc., etc.

ALSO

A Few Pieces of Blackwood Ware.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Monday, the 30th
May, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 25th May, 1927.

ON
WEDNESDAY, the 1st June, 1927,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.
at No. 12B, Mody Road, Kowloon

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE

Comprising:—
Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield
Couch and Chairs, (Upholstered
with Fine Silk Brocade) Teak
Bookcase, Glass Cabinet, Screen,
Carpets, Curtains, Pictures, Orna-
ments, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Table, Chairs, Side-
board, Community-Plate Cutlery,
Glass Ware, Crockery, Teak Ice
Chest, etc., etc.
Brass Mounted Bedsteads, Teak
Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirror,
Dressing Table, Rattan Furniture,
etc., etc.

ALSO

1 Piano by "Morrison"
1 "Sonora" Cabinet Gramophone
AND
Several Pieces of Blackwood
Ware.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Tuesday, the 31st
May, 1927.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 25th May, 1927.

NOTICES.

S.S. "TILEROET"

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the wreck of the Forepart of the s.s. "TILEROET" as it now lies at Ling Ting Island. Full particulars from the under-
signed.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE,
York Building.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

ALL proposed alterations to the rules of the above Association, the Challenge Shield Competition, "Lai Wah" Cup and Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competitions must be forwarded to the under-
signed not later than the 31st May, 1927.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Secretary.
P.O. Box 233.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB. NOTICE.

A MEETING of MEMBERS of the Club will be held in the Pavilion on TUESDAY, 31st May, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal by the Committee to add a second storey to the Pavilion and make other additions and improvements to the building.
Plans may be seen in the Pavilion.

By Order of the Committee,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th May, 1927.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on TUESDAY, 7th June, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th May to 7th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 16th May, 1927.

MACAO RACES.

SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING:
SATURDAY, 28th & SUNDAY,
29th MAY, 1927.
(Weather Permitting)
FIRST RACE 2.15 p.m.

Entrance to Public Enclosure 40 cts.
Entrance to Members Stand \$2.00.
Special Race Steamers will run as under:—

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.
From Hong Kong 8.00 a.m. Sui Tai
5.00 a.m. Sui An 3.00 p.m. Sui An
2.00 p.m. Sui Tai
SUNDAY, 29th MAY.
From Hong Kong 8.00 a.m. Sui Tai
5.00 a.m. Sui An 3.00 p.m. Sui Tai
2.00 p.m. Sui Tai

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.
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Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets may be obtained at the Entrance Gate.

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"SEADROMES."

HALF-HOURLY ATLANTIC SERVICE.

INVENTOR'S AMBITIOUS SCHEME.

Philadelphia, May 25.
The establishment within five years of a half-hourly air passenger service between New York and Europe, is the dream of Mr. Edward Armstrong, the inventor of the "seadromes," a kind of floating dock which can be moored anywhere and whereon aeroplanes can land, refuel or repair.

Mr. Armstrong's idea is that eight "seadromes" should be anchored at intervals in mid Atlantic to enable aeroplanes to hop across, carrying passengers at £70 per head for a single journey.

Mr. Armstrong states that work will shortly start on a test of a "seadrome" to be anchored five hundred miles off New York. After satisfactory tests, eight "seadromes" each twelve hundred feet long, costing \$1,500,000, will be constructed and anchored at intervals of four hundred miles. He added that Lindbergh was interested in the device and hoped he would become President of the Seadrome Company.—Reuter's American Service.

Lindbergh in Paris.
Paris, May 25.
Lindbergh had another busy day, including luncheon at the American Club and a reception by the 34th Air Regiment at Le Bourget, where Lindbergh proposed the health of the "most heroic nation in the world."

Lindbergh telegraphed his condolences to Coll's mother, who replied congratulating him, "despite a mother's grief." She also sent Mrs. Lindbergh a card pathetically inscribed: "To the happiest of mothers, with a poor little mother's congratulations."—Reuter.

Return by Destroyer.
Washington, May 25.
After a conference at the White House between President Coolidge and Mr. Robinson, acting Secretary of the Navy Department, a United States destroyer now in European waters has been placed at the disposal of Lindbergh for his return journey to America. Provision has also been made for the return of his aeroplane.—Reuter's American Service.

The Marquis De Pinedo.
Devizes, May 25.
A wireless message has been received from the Marquis De Pinedo stating that his aeroplane has been towed safely to Fayal.—Reuter.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

A KANGAROO HUNT ON HORSEBACK.

THRILLS IN AUSTRALIA.

London, May 7.
Adelaide.—A kangaroo hunt on horseback, without dogs, was enjoyed by the Duke of York during a most enjoyable visit to "Wellington Lodge." Mr. Alan MacFarlane's station on the shores of Lake Alexandrina.

The Duke was always well in the forefront of the chase. The party caught one kangaroo, which was subsequently released.

Mr. MacFarlane, Jr., secured the prize, leaning from his horse and grasping the kangaroo's tail. The Duchess followed the hunt in a motor car, and had a thrilling experience when the car ran over a venomous four-foot tiger snake, which Mr. MacFarlane despatched with a whip.

The Duke and Duchess also indulged in hydroplaning on Alexandrina Lake. A craft, aptly named "Silver Streak," skimmed the blue sunlit waters at lightning speed.

TO-DAY'S CABLE REPRINT TO RESTORE A CROSS.

Rome, May 19.
Under orders from Signor Mussolini the cross removed 65 years ago from the Coliseum during a wave of anti-clericalism has been restored. Queen Helena and Princess Giovanna presided over the ceremony of restoration, which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

ANOTHER PICKFORD DIVORCE.

Los Angeles, May 19.
Jack Pickford, motion picture star and brother of Mary Pickford, admitted to-day that he and his wife, Marilyn Miller, folles beauty, would seek a divorce in Paris in June. Pickford said they had tried to patch up their differences by means of a year's separation but they had found they were temperamentally unsuited to each other.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR MAY, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
May 26	5.40	7.01
27	5.40	7.01
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.02
30	5.39	7.02
31	5.39	7.02



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M.P.'S UTOPIAN PLAN

PENSION FOR ELDERLY WORKERS.

London, May 7.
Mr. T. Johnston, the Socialist M.P. for Dundee, explained to a sceptical House of Commons, his plan for setting the unemployment question.

Mr. Johnston wishes to withdraw 500,000 boys and girls from industry and pension off 800,000 elderly workers, giving the latter a pension of £2 weekly.

He admits that the cost to the State would be at least £80,000,000, but argues that the sum of £50,000,000 spent on the dole would be saved, and the remainder could be found by raising the income tax.

The newspapers comment that there is no mention of pensions for the 500,000 boys and girls. "Apparently they have to do the best they can by sponging on Grandfather," is the comment of one paper.

The debate arose on the second reading of the Socialist Bill to set up a National Employment Board to prepare schemes of work at home and throughout the Empire for the British unemployed, at an annual cost of £10,000,000.

The second reading was defeated by 187 votes to 112.

MR. MACDONALD'S TOUR.

BRITISH WAR VETERAN'S PROTEST.

New York, April 19.
The Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., fulfilled the avowed purpose of his visit to America when, with his daughter Isabel, he lunched in Concord, Massachusetts, with Miss Low Perkins, whom he last visited on his honeymoon thirty years ago. He found his hostess, whose age is 83, in poor health, and left after less than an hour's discussion of old times for fear that a prolonged stay might be injurious to her.

Last night Mr. MacDonald and his daughter were the guests at dinner of Mr. Fuller, the Governor of Massachusetts, at his home in Boston, and to-morrow they will call on President Coolidge in Washington.

The only discordant note in connection with Mr. MacDonald's visit has been sounded by Mr. Harry Herbert, president of the British Great War Veterans of America, who declined an invitation to attend the St. George's Society's annual dinner on Saturday on account of the expected presence of Mr. MacDonald. "I am sure," said Mr. Herbert, "that there is no member of my organisation who would dine with Mr. MacDonald in view of his record during the war."

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1927.—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	4' 0" B. 12' 11" B.	
Tytam Byewash	2' 1" B. 18' 4" B.	
Tytam Intermediate	3' 4" B. 10' 0" B.	
Tytam Tuk	38' 4" B. 28' 0" B.	
Wong Nei Chung	9' 10" B. 21' 7" B.	
Pokfulum	0' 3" B. 12' 1" B.	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow".]
A denotes "Above Overflow".
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam	345.24	233.09
Tytam Byewash	1.98	3.07
Tytam Intermediate	177.54	143.30
Tytam Tuk	652.48	820.00
Wong Nei Chung	18.69	8.80
Pokfulum	65.46	30.03

Total 1,261.59 1,300.29
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	183.35	215.29
Estimated population	400,740	411,060
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	15.3	17.4

Services to houses in the Elder Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only up to the 16th and intermittent supply in all Elder Main Districts from 17th to 30th April, 1926.

Intermittent Supply in all Elder Main Districts West of Garden Road during April 1927 and Full Supply in all Elder Main Districts East of Garden Road during April 1927.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	9' 11" B. 18' 0" B.	
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	1' B. 20' 4" B.	
Reception Reservoir	0' 10" B.	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	234.28	191.50
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	24.40	31.48
Reception Reservoir	30.35	
Total	289.03	222.98

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	62.78	81.36
Estimated population	154,780	155,820
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	11.4	17.0

Restricted Supply in all districts up to the 12th and full supply in all districts from April 13, 1926. Full supply in all districts during April 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to April 30, 1926, 24.92; April 30, 1927, 16.32.

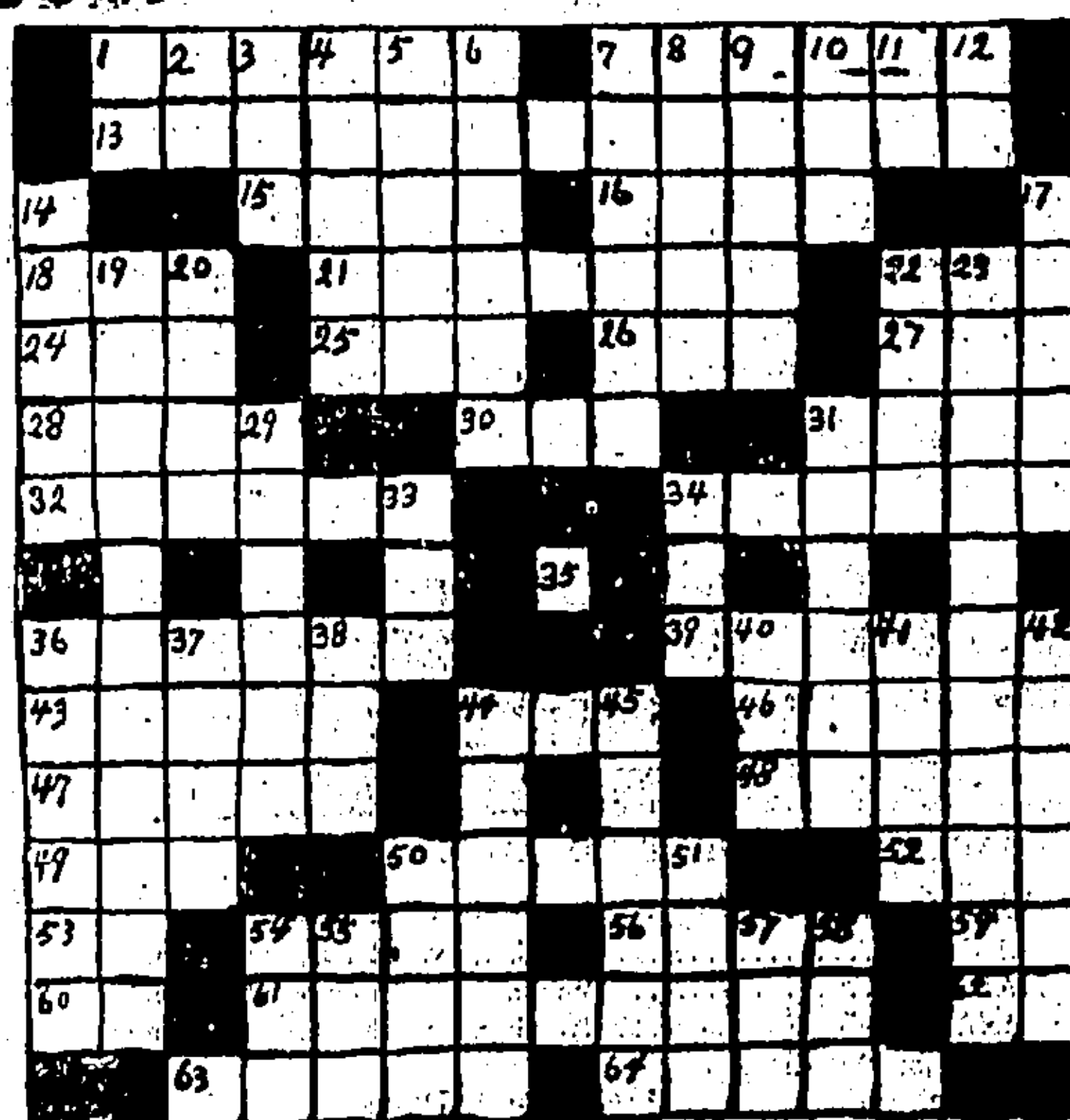
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| <p>Across.</p> <p>1. The science of eggs.</p> <p>7. A sheath formed involucre, as in the Indian turban.</p> <p>13. One who interprets dreams.</p> <p>15. Exhilarating.</p> <p>16. Islets in a river or lake.</p> <p>18. Ancient name of a gum.</p> <p>20. To sully.</p> <p>22. Tree of the genus Ulmus.</p> <p>24. To move with pressure or friction.</p> <p>25. Small mound (golf).</p> <p>26. River in Scotland (reversed).</p> <p>27. V. U. P. (Actual).</p> <p>28. Male of the red deer in his third year.</p> <p>30. Serious.</p> <p>31. A fairy.</p> <p>32. Epigrams (Actual).</p> <p>34. Fixed star of the second magnitude.</p> <p>35. Obsolete and barbarous corruption of "have" of "he" and sometimes of "I".</p> <p>36. To beat with a birch or rod.</p> <p>39. Gallery or portico ornamented with paintings.</p> <p>40. Suffered pain.</p> <p>41. R. E. S. (Actual).</p> <p>42. Emanations or exhalations.</p> <p>43. Enchantment.</p> <p>44. Exploits.</p> <p>45. F.T.A. (Actual).</p> <p>46. To love in the highest degree (humili).</p> <p>47. M. I. E. (Actual).</p> <p>48. The (French).</p> <p>49. Native waiting maid.</p> <p>50. Snoken, not written.</p> <p>51. Bone.</p> <p>52. Editor (abbreviated).</p> <p>53. Hospitality.</p> <p>54. N. S. (Actual).</p> <p>55. Formerly.</p> <p>56. A dignitary under the Anglo-Saxons and Danes in England.</p> | <p>Down.</p> <p>1. O. O. (Actual).</p> <p>2. Forward, in progression.</p> <p>3. A limb.</p> <p>4. An eye, bud, or shoot, as of a plant.</p> <p>5. To adorn.</p> <p>6. Slings in a peculiar manner by changing from the head-voice to the chest-voice and the contrary.</p> <p>7. Escaped.</p> <p>8. Gravity.</p> <p>9. Sited.</p> <p>10. Contraction of "it is."</p> <p>11. Hospital Ship (Initials).</p> <p>12. A relation of degree.</p> <p>14. To resolve into its elements.</p> <p>17. A broad band or plate of metal worn on the forehead among the ancient Greeks.</p> <p>19. Implored.</p> <p>20. A weight in Persia, used for weighing pearls.</p> <p>22. Calamity.</p> <p>23. Process of growing exuberantly.</p> <p>24. A young fellow.</p> <p>31. A great trial or vexation.</p> <p>33. A male child.</p> <p>34. A partner or accomplice.</p> <p>36. To foil.</p> <p>37. Genus of large birds, allied to the ostrich.</p> <p>38. E. D. Y. (Actual).</p> <p>40. A blockhead.</p> <p>41. A species of grain on which horses are fed.</p> <p>42. To value.</p> <p>43. Red with heat.</p> <p>45. To swell out.</p> <p>50. Years.</p> <p>51. An arc.</p> <p>54. Instrument for hewing timber.</p> <p>55. Before.</p> <p>57. A snuff fence not visible without a near approach.</p> <p>58. A waterfall.</p> </ |
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COURT PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut.-Comdr. J. E. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., Capt. C. Mutton, the master of the s.s. "Wing On" was fined \$250 for working cargo on Sunday, May 15, without a permit to do so.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Hugh Jones.
The President of the Court remarked that, according to the evidence, there appeared to be no limit to the amount that could be taken on board by cargo runners or guides, as they called themselves, who boarded river steamers with passengers' baggage and supervised it throughout the voyage. All that appeared was necessary was for them to take goods on board and then claim that it was personal baggage and not cargo.

According to the evidence given at the Court which resumed this morning from Friday's hearing, Police witnesses saw 10 sacks of flour, eight sacks of rice and 40 packages of Chinese medicine being taken on board and also saw four sacks of rice being put on shore from the stern of the ship as she lay at wharf.

For the defence, it was stated that these goods were the property of cargo runners who, in addition to the supervision of luggage it was claimed, did a little business themselves. It was a business that had been carried on for the past 30 years. The flour, rice and medicine were strictly personal baggage on which no freight was paid. With regard to the flour, cargo flour was invariably in 100 pound bags, whereas these were only 28 pounds each as would be carried by any traveller for personal use.

While Kowloon Godown lighter No. 54 was loading cargo alongside the s.s. "President Cleveland" at the Kowloon wharf yesterday, a sling of hemp sacks which was being lowered from the ship burst when the load swung against the awning beam of the lighter. The sacks fell on a coolie woman working on the lighter and injured her about the head and arms. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

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All vessels arriving therefrom either at Canton or Whampoa are to be governed by the Sanitary Regulations for the Port of Canton with two modifications as noted below:

(1) Steamers arriving from Haiphong and Saigon bound for Whampoa need not anchor at the Tide-Pole Quarantine Anchorage but may proceed to Whampoa. On their arrival there they will be boarded by the Customs Officers, who will demand a statement in writing from the Captain of the vessel concerned as to whether there were any deaths on board after leaving Haiphong or Saigon and whether there are or were any cases of sickness. If the Captain's report is such as to arouse suspicion in the minds of the Customs Authorities at Whampoa, he is to be ordered to hoist the Quarantine Flag and to refrain from any communication with the shore until the arrival of the Canton Port Medical Officer who will be sent for at once by the Customs. If a vessel anchors at Whampoa and is not regarded as a suspect she must nevertheless be regularly inspected at Canton by the Port Medical Officer if she subsequently proceeds there.

(2) Rule 2 under Special Regulations A is to be altered to read that the Canton Quarantine Anchorage shall be immediately below Macao Fort.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on May 22, at 10 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here to-day.

The B. I. s.s. "Trebartha" left Singapore for this port on May 19, a.m., and is due here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Shanghai for this port on May 24, at 4 p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at about 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama on May 20, and is due at Vancouver on May 29.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benamorich" from Leigh, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on May 29.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on the 19th May and is due here on the 6th June.

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THEFT ON A WARSHIP.

A metal watch worth \$25 was reported stolen on board H.M.S. "Wyvern" while she was alongside the naval dockyard yesterday afternoon.

PASSENGER LIST.**DEPARTURE.**

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Mahima Maru" for Australia via Manila on May 25, were:—Miss Langley, Major W. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Spier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston, Mr. T. Araki, Mrs. T. Araki, Mr. Tanabe, Mr. and Mrs. N. Nakamura, Rev. Sister Poot, Rev. Sister Demuldenaere, Mr. G. W. Malsel, Mr. W. Hume, Mr. K. Miyazaki, Mr. K. Kitazaki, Mrs. S. Tanaka, Mrs. K. Ishikawa, Master S. Ishikawa, Mr. H. Watanabe, Mr. Alinto Camilote, Mr. Turner, Mrs. G. Thomson, Rev. Sister Goebel, Rev. Sister Decort, Mrs. T. Kitagawa, Mrs. H. Takeda, Rev. Sister Landot, Rev. Sister Van de Wilde, Mr. A. C. Sneed, Mr. Y. Ohno, Mr. T. Kondo, Mr. T. Fujita, Mr. Fang Foo, Rev. Sister Roose, Rev. Sister Willeses, Mrs. Bertha L. Smith, Rev. Sister Gornella, Rev. Sister Bylgeant, Mr. S. Kojima, Mr. and Mrs. Yano, Master Yan King-buo, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kawahara, Mr. and Mrs. K. Matsui, Mr. Iwachi Ohtsuka, Mr. T. Ugai, Mr. and Mrs. T. Amaya, Miss Elliot, Miss Pannington, Mr. Lee Po-sam, Mr. Francis M. Beatty, Mr. Allwood, Mr. Leung Day.

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Eight men and the captain of the fishing schooner "Commonwealth," of Gloucester, which was destroyed by fire off the coast of Nova Scotia, have been picked up by another fishing schooner and landed at Halifax. Three dories with 12 men are, however, still missing and it is feared that they have been lost.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23
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INDUS MARU (Calling Penang) Monday, 20th June.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHICAGO MARU Monday, 30th May.

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	Departure	"	31	6 a.m.	
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	Departure	"	1	5 p.m.	
TAWAU	Arrival	"	2	4 p.m.	
	Departure	"	3	5 a.m.	
SEMPORNA	Arrival	"	3	Noon	
	Departure	"	4	6 a.m.	
LAHAD DATU	Arrival	"	4	9 a.m.	
	Departure	"	5	5 a.m.	
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MACE DONIA	11,120	24th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,089	28th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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HARLAND AND WOLFF'S
BETTER OUTLOOK.

The important Belfast shipbuilding concern of Harland and Wolff, Ltd., returns a profit for the year ended December 31 last of £201,446, which compares with £200,460 for the year 1925. On this occasion, however, the profit is arrived at without any provision for depreciation, but after making provision for losses by the controlled companies, whereas a year ago depreciation was charged before calculating the profit, but no allocation in respect of losses by controlled companies was required. The present profit is just sufficient to cover the 6 per cent. dividend on the £4,000,000 first cumulative preference capital, which requires £192,000, leaving £9,446 to be added to the balance forward, raising it to £144,915. The dividend on £3,115,000 of A and B preference shares, which are privately held, is now two years in arrears, and, of course, there is no dividend on the £3,900,000 of ordinary capital, which is also privately held. The industrial dislocation delayed the output of the works during the year, and the gross tonnage launched was only 88,333 tons, against 113,300 in 1925 and 105,389 in 1924. The outlook for the future would, however, appear to be much improved, for it is stated that of the 26 berths in the yards of Belfast, Govan, and Greenock 22 are now occupied by vessels in course of construction. The progress of the work on these vessels is still delayed by shortage of material, notwithstanding the fact that the steelworks have been in full operation since the beginning of the year.

Highest Since 1924. Another indication of the increased industrial prosperity in Great Britain is the big improvement in shipbuilding recorded in "Lloyd's Register Shipbuilding Returns" for the quarter ended March 31. The tonnage under construction in Great Britain and Ireland—1,216,932 tons—was 456,348 tons more than at the end of December, 1926, and about 374,000 tons more than the tonnage building twelve months ago. The tonnage on which work was suspended at the end of March, 1927, amounted to only 20,983 tons, as compared with 99,468 tons at the end of December, 1926. The present totals, although the highest since December, 1924, were still 673,000 tons below the average tonnage building during the twelve months immediately preceding the war.

A very large increase was shown in the tonnage started during the quarter—namely, 673,339 tons, as compared with 152,404 tons during the fourth quarter of 1926. The tonnage launched during the quarter—review—127,747 tons—showed an increase of 59,894 tons as compared with the figures for the previous three months. The total merchant tonnage building in other countries was 1,352,932 tons—this being about 130,000 tons more than at the end of December, 1926. The tonnage under construction abroad still exceeded by 136,000 tons the tonnage building in Great Britain and Ireland. The figures for the leading countries abroad were:—Germany, 350,933 tons; Italy, 208,794 tons; United States, 179,325 tons; France, 164,438 tons, and Holland, 133,645 tons. The world tonnage under construction totalled 2,569,864 tons—an increase of about 637,000 tons as compared with the previous quarter—but is still 876,634 tons below the highest pre-war record.

Once upon a time four South African millionaires were travelling to the Cape, and for three nights in the smoke-room they played poker, watched by a young Englishman. On the fourth night the latter requested permission to join the game; this was readily granted, and he lost £60. Next morning on deck, one of the millionaires, well known in the City, took him aside and very good-naturedly pointed out the type of men the youth was playing with, telling him that no one would think the worse of him if he dropped out, owing to the amount of money likely to be involved. The youngster, however, said he would rather go on playing, as he was quite able to stand the pace. That night the five began playing again, and the youth was left in, and £5,000 was involved. The millionaire stopped, looked at the boy, and said: "Look here, young man, is everything all right?" The reply was: "Sir, if you come to my cabin I'll show you security for £20,000." The game went on, and in the end the millionaire gave in and showed a straight flush. His opponent produced a natural royal flush! After settling for something like £25,000, the millionaire asked the winner what security he would have produced. "My hand," was the reply. "I've got exactly £150 and I'm going to the Cape to look for a job." Needless to say, he got it!

ANOTHER PIRACY.

LOCAL FISHING BOAT
RAIDED.

The story of another piracy in Chinese waters was related by the steersman of a fishing junk which reached port yesterday afternoon minus the master who is being held for ransom. The junk was on her way to Hong Kong from Fankong, Pinghoi district, on Monday at 9 o'clock. When about a mile from shore she was approached by a Hoko boat containing about 15 armed men. The pirates fired on the fishing junk and forced her to stop. Ten men went on board. Ransacking the place they stole money and jewellery worth £180. They also took the junk master on board their craft and sailed towards shore.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo are informed that goods arriving by the s.s. "Africa" will be subject to rent from to-day. Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Enlond" are reminded to take delivery of their goods to-day. Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Polaric" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after May 30, will be subject to rent. Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Angers" are reminded by the Agent that all claims must be sent in before June 2. Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Lieutenant St. Loubert Bie" are reminded that claims must be sent in to the Agent before June 3.

Paymaster Rear-Admiral Henry Ashley Travers Commins, C.B.E., R.N., retired, a director of Petersen and Co., the American Maritime Steamship Co., and the Thompson Steamship Co., left estate of the gross value of £1,166, with net personally £675.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 3rd June, 1927, or they will not be recognized. DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 31st MAY, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,

Agent.

Hong Kong, 25th May, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 20th May, 1927.

REPORT FROM

BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG

Waterlevels in English Feet.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W.L. 24th May	W.L. 25th May
West River at Shingun	41.9	39.7	41.9	41.9
North River at Taiyuen	39.7	37.5	39.7	39.7
North River at Samah	27.5	25.3	27.5	27.5
East River at Shingun	16.4	14.2	16.4	16.4

MANILA ORDER.

INSPECTING VESSELS FROM
ELEVEN PORTS.

Manila, May 20. The office of the chief quarantine officer, U.S. Public Health Service, has just issued an order requiring all vessels coming from eleven specified ports to be strictly inspected, and if necessary fumigated, by the customs service upon arrival in Manila. The ports named in the order of the chief quarantine officer have recently reported the presence of plague. These ports are Passaic, Bombay and Calcutta in India; Port Said, Egypt; Rangoon, Burma; Bangkok, Siam; Macassar and Sourabaya in Java; Saigon, French Indo-China; Singapore, Straits Settlements; and Colombo, Ceylon.

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J. LIMAGE,

Agent.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1927.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From NEW YORK.

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June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	Obg-Shampton Aug. 7
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July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Obg-Shampton Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Agassiz	Aug. 24	Obg-Shampton Aug. 30
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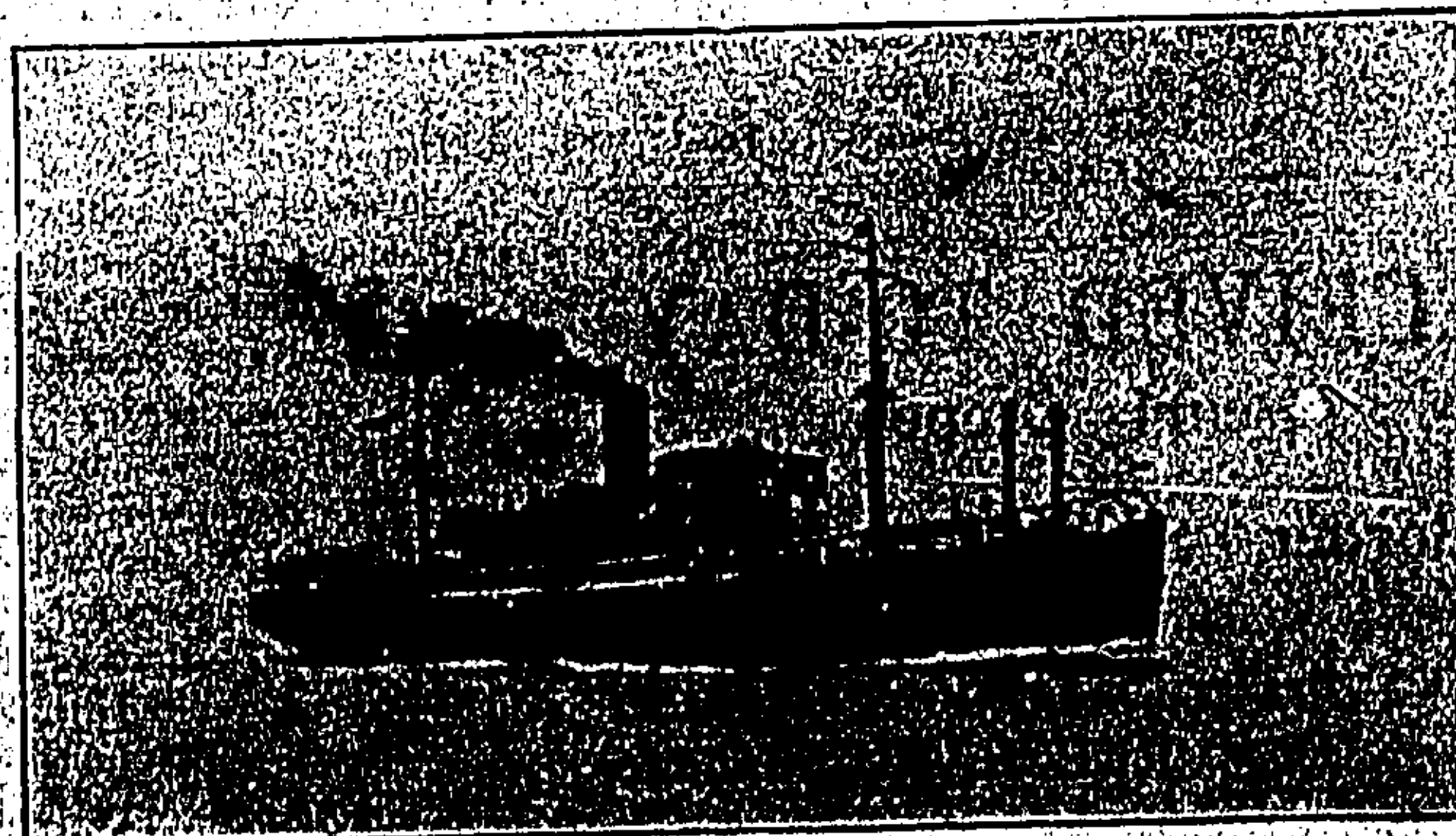
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DEATH.

WATTS.—On May 26, 1927, at 86,
Bonham Road, Bessie, widow
of the late S. W. Watts, an old
resident of Hong Kong, in her
77th year, after a long and
painful illness. R.I.P. Funeral
will pass the Monument to-day
at 5.30 p.m.

Hong Kong, Thursday, May 26, 1927.

THE SOVIET'S REPLY.

The reply made by M. Rosen-
golz, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires
in London, to the statement made
by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the
Prime Minister, in the House
of Commons on Wednes-
day, is of necessity, patheti-
cally weak. M. Rosengolz
indulges in the usual Soviet
rantings. He expresses "amazement and deep regret" that
the British Government should have
reached the decision to cancel the
Trade Agreement on "such a
flimsy pretext" and that "such
doubtful arguments should have
been used to justify the decision."
M. Rosengolz may choose to re-
gard a campaign of anti-British
hatred, coupled with espionage,
as a "flimsy pretext" and the
British Government's categorical
statements of the facts as "doubt-
ful arguments," but the world is
with us in the action we have
taken, and so far from sharing M.
Rosengolz's "amazement and deep
regret," will feel astonished and
sorry that we did not take action
sooner to bring Moscow to its
senses. M. Rosengolz's point that
no complaints were ever made to
him with regard to the activities
of Arcos Limited or the Trade
Delegation or any of the em-
ployees of these bodies is merely
childish. Did he expect the Bri-
tish Government to give him, in
effect, advance information that
the net was closing in around
Arcos House, and by this hint,
give the Soviet time to remove all
evidence of its subversive activi-
ties and transfer them to some
new centre? Moreover he com-
pletely ignores the British Note
to Moscow with its final warning
that the Trade Agreement would
be cancelled if the Soviet
did not take immediate steps
to stop the anti-British cam-
paign. It was carrying on
in defiance of its solemn un-
dertakings in the Trade Agree-
ment. M. Rosengolz is equally
futile when he comes to Mr. Bal-

win's exposure of the denials
made by M. Rosengolz himself in
London and M. Litvinoff in Mos-
cow regarding Borodin. The
most that M. Rosengolz can say
is that he has not yet had
time to make inquiries with
respect to the telegram Mr.
Baldwin quoted, "but the
contents bear on their face all
the signs of invention." Once
again M. Rosengolz buries his
head in the sand. For the tele-
gram Mr. Baldwin quoted is fully
confirmed by the discoveries made
in the raid at Peking, about which
M. Rosengolz seems never to have
heard at all! But M. Rosengolz
makes his wildest assertion when
he declares that the British Gov-
ernment's decision is a death blow
to Anglo-Soviet trade. That is
sheer nonsense. Mr. Baldwin ex-
plained quite clearly that the
legitimate use of Arcos House is
not affected by the Government's
decision, and the Government is
prepared, while terminating the
privileges conferred by the Trade
Agreement, to make the necessary
arrangements for ordinary trade
facilities between the two coun-
tries. Consequently the Soviet is
in precisely the same position as
before if it wishes to carry on
legitimate trade. Refusal to do
so now can only be construed as
chagrin at the loss of special facili-
ties to pursue its former sub-
versive activities. Mr. Rosen-
golz's reply may deceive some of
the toiling masses as lack of
sense to see through the duplicity
of Moscow, but it will not deceive
anyone who gives it a second's
thought. On the contrary, show-
ing that Moscow's anger is over
the exposure of its system of pro-
paganda and espionage, not over
any loss of trade, no such loss be-
ing involved, M. Rosengolz's reply
will only have the effect of dam-
ning the Soviet still further in the
eyes of all the world.

Saving Life.

Consideration has been given
by the Colonial Conference in
London to questions of public
health, particularly medical re-
search, medical education, the
training of natives as dispensers
and sanitary officers, the training
of native women as nurses, and
provisions for efficient sanitary
services. This is a subject that
closely concerns Hong Kong,
which is represented at the Colo-
nial Conference. More perhaps
than any other local problem has
the question of public health been
kept to the forefront in recent
years by the local Press. As Dr.
A. G. M. Severn pointed out some
months ago, owing to the paucity
of local research very few re-
liable or original data on malaria,
for instance, have been accumu-
lated beyond a somewhat formid-
able table of deaths. That appar-
ently does not move the authorities
to take the advice of Dr. Severn
and "wake up to its responsibil-
ities and lend its support." There
is too great a tendency to take
the line of "least resistance," in
questions affecting the public
health—the saving of precious
lives—and, like a former Colonial
Secretary, merely shrug the
shoulders if a person is "foolish
enough to contract cholera." And
if more non-Chinese than usual
are infected with typhoid fever
that is merely regarded officially
as a "small epidemic," not worth
the trouble of an inquiry. It is
time to depart from such cool in-
difference to a formidable table

SUMMER EXODUS.

LOCAL RESIDENTS LEAVING
SHORTLY.

POPULAR DIRECTOR RETIRES.

Many well-known local re-
sidents are leaving the Colony
next week by the "Empress of
Canada" which sails on Wednes-
day at noon.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, a well-
known local business man is leav-
ing on retirement after many
years in Hong Kong. He is a
Director of Alex. Ross and Co.
(China), Ltd., a member of the
Board of Directors of Lane, Craw-
ford, Ltd., and is associated with
many direction of other local and
China Companies.

Mr. Cousland has taken the
keenest interest in the European
Y.M.C.A., of which he is a Direc-
tor and Vice-President and as
Chairman of the Literary and De-
bating Committee has always
taken a particular interest in this
branch of the Association's activi-
ties, presiding over many of
the debates which have aroused
such considerable interest.

Other Hong Kong residents
who are leaving on furlough by
the "Empress of Canada" include
Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and Lady
Pollock, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C.,
Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Dyer,
Mrs. Fitzroy (wife of Mr. H. S.
Fitzroy, local barrister and at
present acting as Assistant At-
torney-General), Mr. and Mrs. H.
Richardson (Mr. Richardson is
Manager of Trollope and Colls)
and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson
(Mr. Wilson is connected with the
same firm).

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Bowley), Mrs. J. P. Sherry (wife
of the manager of the Hong Kong
Telephone Co., Ltd.).

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall,
C.M.G., LL.D., is proceeding as
far as Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs.
M. K. Lo are going to Vancouver
for a holiday and also proceeding
as far as Yokohama are Mr. and
Mrs. H. Livingston (Mr. Living-
ston is Manager of the Standard
Oil Company at Poochow).

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE END OF THE WORLD.

"To the Editor of the "China Mail."

SIR,—I am considerably at a
loss to understand the absence of
any comment whatever in regard
to the important Announcement
of the end of the world promul-
gated at the great meeting held
at the Albert Hall last month
under the auspices of the
British Israel World Federation.

Neither in your own valuable
columns nor yet in those of any
of your contemporaries has the
slightest reference been made to
an event which will eclipse all
previous records. Yet, full re-
ports of this appeared in the
home Press as indeed well it
might. Whether this be through
ignorance or incredulity I of
course cannot say, though in this
case ignorance and incredulity
stand for the same thing and are
equally inexcusable as the date
mentioned—May 29, 1928—is
founded and fixed on the in-
fallible Authority of Holy Scrip-
ture. But what I wish to point
out is that next Sunday being
May 29, 1927, will therefore be
what is now known as the An-
niversary of Anticipation and as
such is surely entitled to some
suitable form of recognition and
celebration. I shall not of
course presume to indicate the
form this should or will take as
that is a matter for the Colonial
Authorities chiefly concerned in
co-operation with and under the
direction of the dignitaries of
the Church. But that some offi-
cial recognition is called for is
surely sufficiently obvious. My
sole object in writing you is based
on the assumption that you have
inadvertently overlooked the An-
nouncement which to me is in-
explicable. Sunday is near at
hand and I trust therefore you
will give this matter the immedi-
ate publicity to which it is en-
titled.

Yours, etc.

Rowloon, May 25.

of deaths either from malaria,
cholera, typhoid, or any other
disease common in this Colony.
The authorities have been given
a lead by the Colonial Conference.
It is now for them to turn to give
a lead to the community and show
that they are in earnest in pur-
suing every phase of public health.

OUR \$50 PRIZE

Result of Third New
Puzzle.

PRIZE AGAIN NOT DIVIDED.

The "China Mail" has pleasure
in announcing the result of the
third Cross-Word Puzzle of the new
series. This has been won by a
competitor with only two errors.
The competitor is:—

Mr. F. E. de Sousa,

P.O. Box No. 46,

Hong Kong.

In accordance with the rules a
cheque will be sent to the winner
four days hence, under registered
cover, together with the congratu-
lations of the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Across.
1. ATTESTS; 7. OWING; 12.
BREME; 13. CRANE; 15. RE; 16.
EVANESCENT; 17. CO; 18. ASIA;
20. APED; 23. KNAPE; 25. AT; 26.
T.R.; 27. KERL; 28. ES; 29. A.A.;
30. E.O.; 32. TREND; 35. BY; 37.
PYE; 39. FEY; 40. LS; 42. OBI;
44. EXTRA; 47. YELL; 49. PA; 52.
RADE; 54. SPRY; 55. YOLK; 57.
HO; 58. TO; 59. ME; 60. MIEL;
61. EY; 62. PA; 63. POLO; 64. R.I.;
65. VIAND; 68. EU; 69. E.C.; 70.
OBAMBULATION.

Down.
2. T.B.; 3. TREDDE; 4. E.E.V.;
5. SMACKED; 6. TENONS; 7.
ORCH; 8. WAE; 9. INNAT; 10.
NETS; 11. CREAK; 13. C.S.; 14.
KNARLED; 19. IT; 21. PET; 22.
ERRS; 24. PA; 31. OPERA; 33.
NIB; 34. YEW; 36. YUX; 38.
GLYSTER; 41. SEPOY; 42. OLYM-
PIA; 43. L.P.; 45. TREMOLO; 46.
ADHERE; 48. L.R.; 50. AYE; 51.
EL; 53. EOLIC; 56. KNOOT; 62A.
AAM; 63. PEA; 65. V.B.; 66. N.B.;
67. D.U.

AWOKE AT SEA.

INDIAN'S NO PASSPORT
EXCUSE.

When an Indian was charged be-
fore Major Willson with having
arrived in the Colony without a
passport, he told an unusual story.

According to the man he was
caretaker of the Sikh Temple at
Singapore. One day he went on
board the s.s. "Kumsang" to see
some new men just out from India.
They were drinking rum and invited
him to join them. He had a "shot"
or two and then feeling sleepy he
stretched himself out on deck and
did not remember more until he
awoke and saw stars overhead and
water all around. The ship had
sailed while he slept and was now
many miles away from port with
him on board, an unwilling
passenger.

He was never questioned all the
time he was on board. No one
asked him for a ticket and he was
permitted to eat with the In-
dian recruits which the ship was
taking to Hong Kong. Arriving in
the Colony he came ashore and
went to stay at the Sikh Temple in
Happy Valley until his arrest.
Sentence of one month's jail was
passed.

SERBIAN WOMAN'S TROUBLES.

Yesterday afternoon Detective
Sub-Inspector Elston produced a
young Serbian woman named Nina
Petroff, aged 20, before Major
Willson and applied for an order
for her commitment to the House of
Detention.

Although claiming to be a pro-
fessional dancer, the Inspector said
the police had reason to believe
that she was a prostitute and was
of bad character who are associ-
ated with chop-lifting.

The order was made.

ARMED ROBBERY ARRESTS.

Five Chinese have been arrest-
ed in connection with the armed
robbery at Shapo, Autao, on May
15 when a gang of armed men
raided a shop in the village on
the pretext of buying aerated
water and made a haul of money
and jewellery worth over \$200.

ATTACKED BY EUROPEAN?

Suffering from a stab wound
in the back of the neck, alleged
to have been inflicted by a Euro-
pean in naval uniform, a Chinese
was last night taken to the hos-
pital from Praya East. The
European has not been found.

LYSOL MISTAKEN FOR TEA.

Drinking some Lysol in mis-
take for tea, a Chinese was yester-
day removed to the hospital
from No. 18 Chinese Street, suf-
fering from acid poisoning.

A Chinese boy ran in front of
a motor car and was knocked
down in Wuhu Street yester-
day. He suffered injuries to the
right side of the head, but his
parents refused to allow him to
be taken to the hospital.

Next to China and armies and
navies, nothing is so expensive as
general elections and new Govern-
ments.—Mr. Churchill.

LABOUR TYRANNY.

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY STILL
CLOSED.

"IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS."

Canton, May 24.

By courtesy of the American
members of the staff, Retina's cor-
respondent visited the Canton
Christian College (Lingnan Univer-
sity) yesterday afternoon. The
College was closed down last month
owing to impossible demands made
by the Labour Union for the benefit
of its members who were in the em-
ploy of the College. Of the 1,000
students of the University, not
more than fifty have taken up the
support of the Labour Union. The
Labour Union in Canton still ex-
ercises very considerable authority,
and has so far withstood all the
efforts of the student body and the
University to reopen its doors.
The foreign staff still remains on
the campus, and several of the Chi-
nese teachers have not left their
quarters on the College grounds.
All Chinese servants have left, and
the only portion of Lingnan still
operating is the hospital which
caters for the Lingnan village clo-
by. However, even the small staff
at work in the hospital has joined
the Labour Union, and Dr. Cadbury,
the superintendent, will probably
be obliged to dismiss the workers
and carry on the medical work as
best he can.

All essential services at the Uni-
versity have to be kept going by the
foreign men themselves, including
the operating of the water pump
which supplies the campus with
water. The launch service between
the Lingnan and the City was run
very efficiently for a while, but the
Americans soon found it too great
a task to run the boats and attend to
their own cooking and domestic
affairs. The students are doing
their best to frustrate the actions
of the Labour Union, but the ques-
tion of the reinstatement of the
former workers is bound to be a
stumbling block for further nego-
tiations.

With the strong anti-red feeling
in Canton to-day, it is hoped that
the Government will arouse itself
to the mischief being done by the
General Labour Union and make as
much a clean-up of that organisation
as they have done of Communism
in Canton. A small force of
armed soldiers keeps close guard on
the College campus, and no one,
neither the President of the insti-
tution nor the poorest student, is
permitted entrance without a pass,
in order that no trouble-makers
may gain access and instigate more
trouble.

The Lingnan University is possi-
bly the largest institution of its
kind in China, covering as it does
an area of some three hundred
acres or more, and providing for
the higher education of one of
China's greatest cities. The enrol-
ment during the last quarter reach-
ed the highest point on record. No
student is allowed to join without
having a fairly good knowledge of
English, and this accounts for the
comparatively small number of
undergraduates on enrolment at the
time of the University's closing.
—Reuter.

A CASE FOR TRIAL.

THE ROBBERY IN ASIATIC
BUILDING.

Major Willson yesterday after-
noon committed to the Criminal
Sessions a Chinese charged with
robbery on the seventh floor of
Asiatic Building on the night of
May 16.

Evidence was given by a cook
employed by Mr. William Saunders,
occupier of the premises. Accord-
ing to this witness accused and an-
other man came into the kitchen
soon after 9 o'clock on the pretext
of looking for a friend, and elected
to wait when informed that that
person was out. Suddenly one of
the strangers picked up a chopper
from the kitchen table and threaten-
ing the cook with it demanded the
keys to Mr. Saunders' premises.
The cook tried to snatch the chop-
per and in the struggle was cut in
both hands. He was overpowered
and the keys were taken from him.
Then while the armed man stood
guard over the cook the other went
into Mr. Saunders' apartment and
returned about five minutes later
with some money which he divided
with his accomplice. Just then
two of the cook's friends arrived.
The accused was cornered in the
kitchen and secured. The other
man made a dive for the landing
and dashing round the dark lift
shaft disappeared. He was never
brought to book.

After Mr. Saunders had deposed
that \$123.27 was stolen from his
apartment and the cook's friend had
given evidence as to accused's ar-
rest, Major Willson made the com-
mittal order.

FANLING GARAGE ROBBED.

A new spare wheel, an accumu-
lator, and a tool box worth \$237
are reported to have been stolen
from Mr. J. M. Remedios' gar-
age at Fanling.

There is a general feeling in the
House that the expenditure of the
country ought to be greatly reduc-
ed, coupled with a strong deter-
mination to resist every conceiv-
able suggestion for reducing it.—
Mr. Churchill.

BREAK WITH MOSCOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A Vote of Censure?

Rugby, May 25.
To-morrow's debate on the Government's decision to terminate the Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement will arise on a Labour Party motion to the effect that before negotiations with Moscow are severed a Parliamentary Committee should inquire into the whole issue and should report to the House of Commons thereon.

In this way the Opposition avoids moving a direct vote of censure, although it is suggested that the Government may decide to regard the motion as such.

Reiterated Warnings.

The Foreign Secretary will be the principal speaker for the government, and he is expected to review the history of Anglo-Soviet relations, with particular reference to the persistent disregard by the Soviet of the reiterated warnings now culminating in the Government's decision to break off relations.

If the House of Commons approves the Government's policy, a Note giving it effect will be handed to M. Rosenzweig, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires probably on Friday.

Freedom For Trade.

The Government has no wish to interfere with ordinary commercial intercourse between Britain and Russia, and consequently Arcos will not be prevented by it from carrying on business under the conditions applying to ordinary trading organisations.

Russian employees would be permitted to remain for this purpose but they would naturally be required to confine themselves to ordinary commercial activities.—British Wireless Service.

CANADA'S DECISION.

Trade Agreement to Be Ended.

Ottawa, May 25.
Anglo-Russian relations have a special interest for Canada which alone of the Dominions has not severed relations with Russia. Canadian exports to Russia last year increased fifty per cent. compared with the preceding year, chiefly in farm machinery. The imports from Russia were practically nil. Canada gives Russia a most favoured nation tariff.

The Government has been kept informed of the discoveries of the Arcos raid, having received full confidential reports.

The Cabinet to-morrow will consider Canada's attitude towards Russia in view of Mr. Baldwin's announcement.

Companies trading with the Soviet urge the Government not to take precipitate action that would jeopardise the growing export trade.—Reuter.

Soviet Envoy's Views.

Montreal, May 25.

M. Guerus, the head of the Soviet Trade Commission in Canada, in an interview, expressed the opinion that it is not necessary for the commission to cease operations in Canada as it has a different status from Arcos Limited in England.—Reuter.

Agreement Violated.

Ottawa, May 26.

The Cabinet has decided to terminate the Trade Agreement of 1921 with Russia.

The Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, explained that though the evidence in the possession of the Government did not reveal any subversive propaganda on the part of the Soviet Mission at Montreal, certain conditions of the agreement had been violated in respect of the clause requiring the Soviet to refrain from hostile actions or undertakings and conducting outside the Soviet borders official propaganda against the institutions of the British Empire.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

British Press Condemns Soviet.

London, May 25.

The "Daily Herald" describes the breach with the Soviet as indefensible.

The "Westminster Gazette" neither condemns nor lauds but warns that if Russia is made a pariah she will be a vast potential source of trouble.

The "Daily Telegraph" says there will be great relief and thankfulness at the breaking up of Arcos which was a Chinese box of conspiracies and plots.

The "Morning Post" declares that the Soviet forfeited by deliberate and systematic abuse, a position it should never have been accorded.

The "Daily Mail" considers the Government has done right in riding Britain of these treacherous aliens.

The "Daily News" says that Mr. Baldwin's revelations cast discredit on the Soviet's relations with all civilised countries.

The "Times" expresses the opinion that maintenance of diplomatic relations with the Soviet

WILBUR PLAYERS.

LAST NIGHT OF "ABIE'S IRISH ROSE."

"DIVORCE QUESTION TO-NIGHT."

The Star Theatre was more packed than ever last night when the Wilbur Players for the third time presented "Abie's Irish Rose." Every member of the fine cast was in splendid form and gave a finished exhibition of acting that met with the heartiest possible appreciation.

To-night "The Divorce Question" will be played. If all that was said in its favour last night by that versatile actor, Mr. N. Anthony Baker, is to be believed, it is a piece that should not be missed.

At the close of their performances here the Company go to Manila and will return here and play again before leaving for the Straits Settlements.

The number of immigrants to the Straits Settlements from China for the first four months of the year was 156,840, an increase of 40,380 compared with the first four months of last year. Deck passengers leaving Singapore during the same period numbered 43,879 against 31,596 during the first four months of 1926.

would be an indignity to every country that observes towards the decencies of civilised intercourse.

The "Daily Express" states that the Soviet's stupid and malicious interference in our affairs ruled them out of court a thousand times.

The "Daily Chronicle" expresses the view that the papers seized convict the Soviet not merely of espionage, but of subversive propaganda of an extreme kind.—Reuter.

French Opinion.

Paris, May 25.

The morning papers reflect the division of French opinion in regard to Britain's attitude toward Russia.

Pertinax in "L'Echo de Paris" sums up the French attitude thus: "As in affairs in Turkey and China we intend to follow our own particular policy in regard to Moscow."

Hope is also expressed that something more acceptable will now be heard in connection with Russia's debts to France.—Reuter.

Paris, May 25.

The papers, generally, comment on the breaking off of Anglo-Russian relations according to their respective political trends. Several of them emphasise that France in her relations with Russia retains full liberty and objectivity.

According to "L'Echo de Paris" M. Poincaré yesterday reminded M. Chicherin of France's financial claims and M. Briand reiterated that interference in French affairs would not be permitted. The "Petit Parisien" remarks that if the Soviets would suddenly make any new offer regarding the question of debts, this would seem somewhat late and a strange expediency. "Le Matin" says that the French attitude toward the Soviets could only depend upon motives peculiar to France.

As soon as the French Government was in a position to make disclosures similar to those made by Mr. Stanley Baldwin it would deduce the necessary consequences. The breaking off of relations must be justified by irrefutable arguments and it would be desirable for all European governments to reach simultaneously such a conviction as brought about the British decision.—Havas.

German Views.

The "Taglicher Undschau" which is regarded as voicing Herr Stresemann's views considers that Britain's rupture with the Soviet has a more inner than external political significance and is unlikely to affect Germano-Soviet relations.

The Nationalist paper "Boersen Zeitung" regards the rupture as a signal for the further intensification of international tension and the preparation of the nations to settle their differences by war.—Reuter.

Operations to Cease.

Moscow, May 25.

The trade commissary M. Royan has announced that the Commissariat has decided to cease all trade operations with Britain. The activity of the trade organisation will be reduced in the near future to liquidating the business previously undertaken.—Reuter.

The Japanese Government are understood to regret the Anglo-Soviet break and to be watching possible developments very closely but, owing to the delicacy of the situation, prefer not to comment on it.—Reuter.

"THE QUAINTS."

CONTINUED SUCCESS IN INDIA.

MISS WOODS RETURNING.

Letters received last mail from Miss Doris Woods tell of the continued success of Mr. R. B. Salisbury's "Quaints." We quote the following notice from the "Civil and Military Gazette," Lahore:—

Rarely have we seen the Excelsior Theatre so full as it was on Thursday night, and the presentation of "The Ghost Train" by Mr. Salisbury's talented company was thoroughly enjoyed by a thrilled audience, which included Sir Malcolm and Lady Hailey. Opinions, of course, differ according to individual taste, but we are inclined to think that "The Quaints" are seen to the best advantage in "The Ghost Train" and "The Unfair Sex."

"The Quaints" are apparently going on to Quetta for a few days, but, as we stated yesterday, their time in India is rapidly drawing to a close and shortly they sail for Home. Mr. Salisbury said last night that he was not yet quite certain about the boat, and that if time permitted, he hoped to bring the company back to Lahore for a final two or three days. And so hope all of us!

It is of interest to note that in both the plays mentioned the principal parts are played by Miss Woods—who goes to Colombo at the termination of the tour to stay a month with her sister before returning to Hong Kong. Miss Woods has been one year with the Company during which time she has visited nearly all the principal cities in India.

A WILBUR PLAYERS LEADING MAN.



N. Anthony Baker who will take the lead to-night at the Star Theatre in the well-known Comedy Drama "The Divorce Question."

ENGLAND'S POPULATION.

Interesting Census Facts For 1921.

London:—A number of interesting facts are disclosed in the report of the Census of England and Wales for 1921. It shows that families in England are generally smaller than ten years ago.

The proportion of the population living in overcrowded conditions of more than two persons per room, increased from 9.1 per cent. to 9.6 per cent., while in Northumberland and Durham the proportion is as high as 30 per cent.

The population of England and Wales was 37,750,000, giving an average of 649 to the square mile.

The density was greater than in any other country in the world for which statistics are available.

The surplus of women now exceeds 1,700,000 compared with 1,200,000 in 1911. Nearly 80 per cent. of the population are living in urban areas. There are far more old women than old men.

Child labour, very markedly decreased. The number of aliens was heavily reduced. The Germans fell from 68,000 to 12,000, but the Belgians have risen from 4,657 to 9,631, and the Americans from 18,637 to 19,171.

What is Liberalism, but belief in the plenary inspiration of the odd man?—Dean Inge.

The right way to economise is to do away with all pre-war Ministers' allowances, they have got the wrong attitude towards everything.—Lt. Col. Moore-Brabazon, M.P.

ISAKO'S CIRCUS.

GOOD HOUSE FOR A FINE SHOW.

Isako's Circus have been rather unfortunate since their arrival in Hong Kong, owing to the heavy rains keeping away large numbers from their fine performance.

Last night, however, when the weather showed improvements, a fairly good house was present to witness a very fine show. This show delighted all present and is certainly worth going to see.

Mr. Isako announced that a complete change of programme will take place on Saturday, May 28, and also drew the attention of parents to the usual matinee every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday. The circus is thoroughly worth a visit, and a very pleasant evening can be spent at a small cost.

A DEFENCE OF THE HOME.

G. K. Chesterton detests modern civilisation. For him it is the lowest form of slavery. He looks upon the home as a little island of individuality in a vast sea of dullness.

"Home," he said, "is the only place where there is any liberty left, any chance for creative imagination, any room for development of personality."

It is the greatest fallacy to think that you are serving the community if you go out of the home. Some seem to think the leisured woman will step out of her suburban home into Utopia. But what is actually offered?

She can go and serve a joint stock company and help swindle the community. Or she can go to work for a patent food concern and poison the public. Or she can sell her services to a newspaper.

We all of us have that passionate desire to make people better.—Colonel Wedgwood, M.P.

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FOREIGN OFFICE PASSPORT REVENUE.

A DROP OF £10,000 IN 1927?

Owing to a big reduction in Middle Eastern Services, the cost of the Imperial and Foreign Services, according to the detailed Estimates issued, has fallen by £601,380 to a total of £8,635,760.

The Foreign Office wants £212,073, an extra £14,402, largely due to an expected decrease of £10,000 in the income from passport fees, the total in the new Estimates being £100,000. Two items disappear—£560 for newspapers and £375 for the purchase and distribution of British newspapers abroad.

A saving of £29,000 has been effected on the Diplomatic and Consular Services, which are to cost £1,073,495. The principal reductions are special missions and services £8,851, services in China £17,947, transport and relief of refugees from Asia Minor and Thrace £8,000, and relief in Germany and Turkey during the war £14,300.

Investing in Peace.

The League of Nations is to cost Britain £13,700 less, the contribution towards the expenses of the League being reduced by this amount to £52,300.

With travelling and incidental expenses of £10,000, and the representation before the Permanent Court of International Justice, involving £2,000 (both the same as 1926) the total estimate is £64,300.

The salaries, wages, and allowances at the Dominions Office have increased from £41,809 to £80,761. The Empire Marketing Board are paying £36,407 for their staff towards this increase of £39,462.

Million For Marketing.

Assistance to be afforded in certain cases on the recommendation of the Irish Grants Committee is to cost £150,000 compared with £100,000. The result of this is that though many savings have been effected in the Dominions Services, there is an increase of £103,826, the estimate being £190,419.

The Empire Marketing Fund (grant in aid) has been doubled—£1,000,000, against £500,000.

The development of Oversea Settlement has resulted in additional £468,500 being required, the new estimate being £1,540,000. Land settlement schemes have advanced by £385,000, to £742,000. Assisted passages will cost £741,000, an increase of £73,000. The settlement of migrants has been reduced by £35,200 to £43,300.

Colonial Services Cost Less.

With the reduction of £50,000 in the cost of Nyasaland and the disappearance of £50,000 for Northern Rhodesia and £13,000 for the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, the Colonial Services show a decrease of £133,950, the total amount being £308,760.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 26—Queen's Theatre; "The Cheerful Fraud."

May 26—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players present "The Divorce Question" 9.15 p.m.

May 26—World Theatre; "Oh Baby."

May 26—Star Theatre; Matinees, "Empty Hands."

May 26—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

May 26—Dinner Dances and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.

May 26—Isako's European Circus, Hung Hom, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

May 26—Matinee performance by the "Squeakettes," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

May 28—Concert at Kowloon Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

May 26—Exhibition Match in aid of I.R.C. Pavilion Fund, Stand Court, H.K.C.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.

May 27—League match; C.R.C. v. I.R.C. 5.15 p.m.

May 28—Second extra race meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course.

June 11—First game of the Hong Kong Baseball Assn., Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auctions.

May 27—At Messrs. Lammert Bros' Sales Room, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

May 31—At No. 7, Queen's Garden (Ground Floor), valuable household furniture; 11 a.m.

June 1—Auction of household furniture, at 12B, Mody Rd., Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

May 27—First General Meeting of Creditors of Wong Wah-shing (deceased) formerly trading as Sang Loong & Co., City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

May 31—Meeting of Members of the H.K.C.C. in the Club pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

May 31—Fourth yearly meeting of Prince's Bldg. & Land Co. Ltd., Prince's Bldg., 4 p.m.

May 27—Rowdion Chess Club tournament; Kowloon S. H.M.S.

"Hermes," 8 p.m.

June 4—King's Birthday parade, Happy Valley, 9 a.m.

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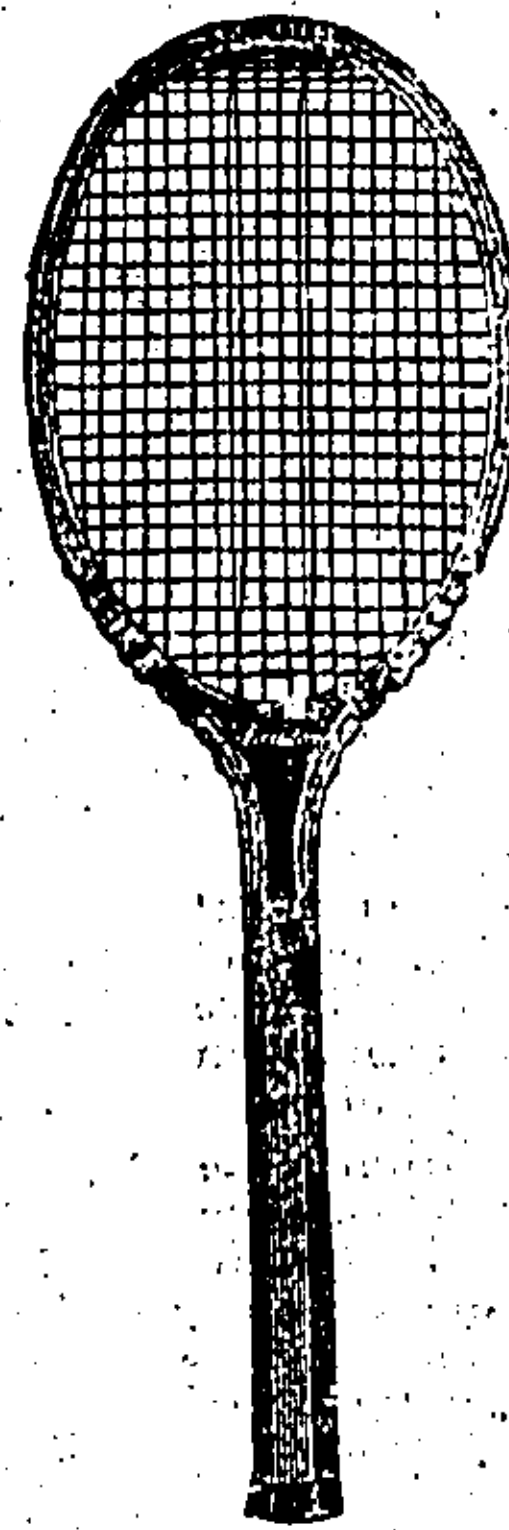
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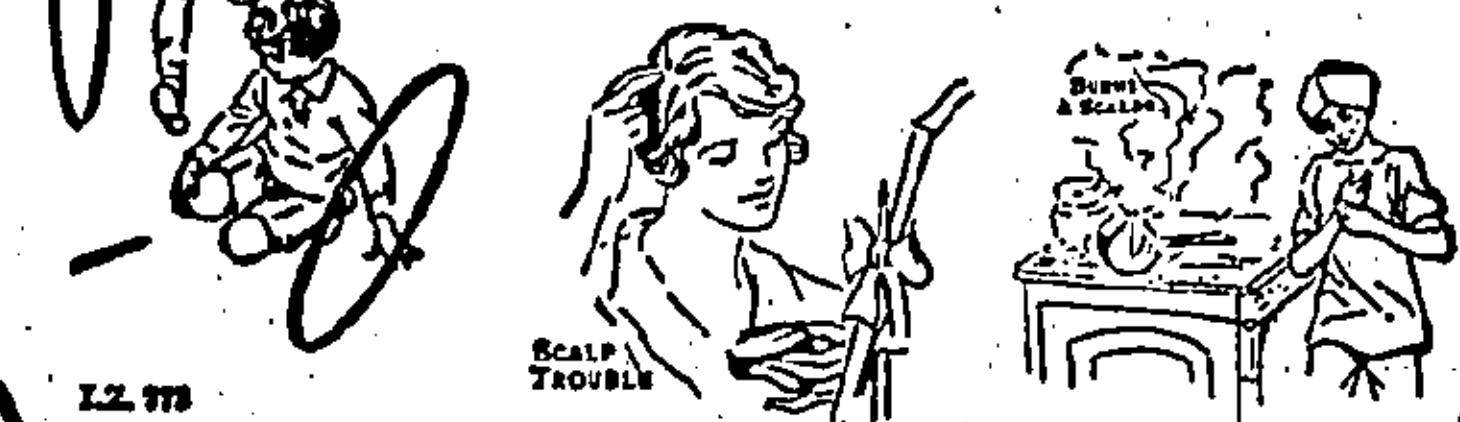
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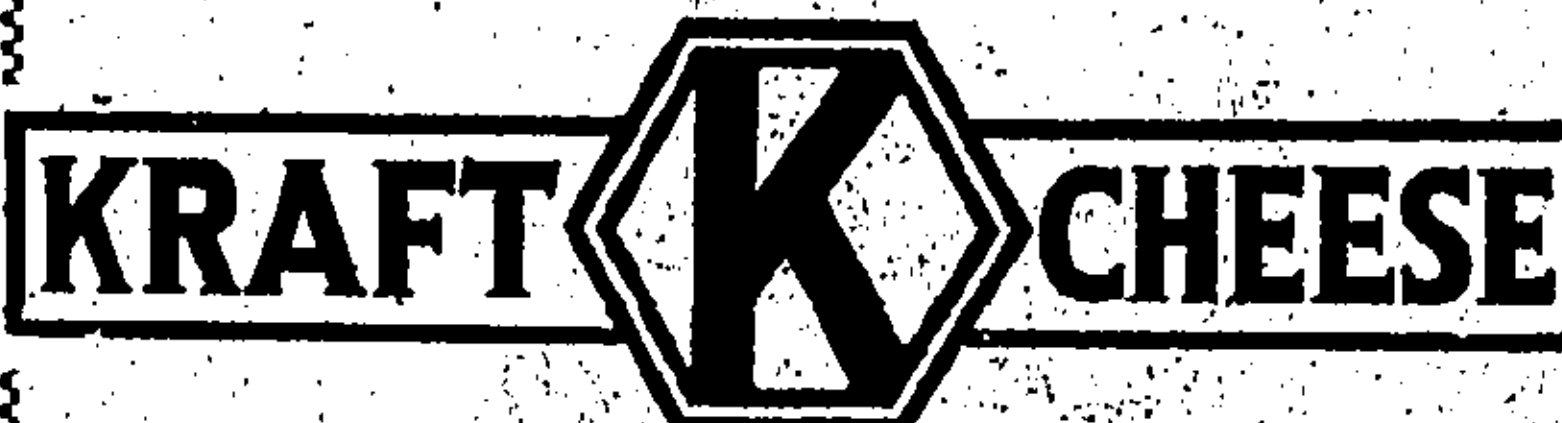
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

One case of small pox was notified in Victoria district yesterday, also one case of cerebro spinal fever. Both cases were Chinese.

A "prosperity bonus" of \$30,000 was distributed at Hull among the 6,000 employees of Messrs. Reckitt and Sons, Ltd.

Messrs. Lammert Bros. will auction a quantity of household furniture at No. 12a, Mody Road, Kowloon, on June 1 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

A concert will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club, weather permitting, on Saturday, May 28 commencing at 9.15 p.m. Service men will be admitted for 50 cents, half the price charged to civilians.

The Zeppelin airship constructor, Eckener, has arrived in New York to float a company for American-German air service. He says that he will personally open the Sevilla-Buenos Aires air service next year.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd., is to be held at the registered office of the company, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Vaux Road, next Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The Wilbur Players gave their last presentation of "Abie's Irish Rose" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon last night and to-night and to-morrow night they bring their first season here to a close with "The Divorce Question." They are booked to return after their visits to Manila and Singapore.

The weekly concert at the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., Chater Road, on Tuesday night, arranged by Mrs. Costen and other lady helpers, was no less successful than the preceding entertainments which have done so much to brighten the lot of the Service men in the Colony. Those who contributed to the excellent programme were:—Miss Aileen Woods, Messrs. G. W. C. Burnett, H. Livingstone, G. Sharman, G. Wheelton, E. W. Pearce, F. MacCormack, L. W. Steward, J. W. Brown, W. Brown, T. Wells, H. Liphsham, J. M. Jack, W. H. C. Roe, L. Tippet, and H. Edwards, with Miss Vaughan, P. O. A. Capstick and Mr. H. V. Parker as accompanists.

The Welsh Church governing body has fixed the stipends of Welsh bishops at £1,600, with £800 allowance for expenses of office, and archbishops will receive £500 more.

The Exten Fire Brigade, hurrying to a fire, met hostile crowds threatening and insulting the firemen, who were regarded as interlopers, frustrating the possibility of obtaining insurance, says the Cologne correspondent of "The Times." The authorities decided that the brigade should receive police protection.



The latest portrait of Marshal Chang Chung-chang, the Tupan of Shantung.

Mr. A. B. Canty, a director and general manager of the White Star Line, told a reporter in Liverpool that it was a difficult task to find names for their new ships, "and," he added, "we should be glad of suggestions." "I spend many hours at home thinking out suitable titles. It has been our custom to find names applicable to the countries to which the vessels will sail, and alter the ending to 'ic.'" The White Star Line have just taken over from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company the "Orea" and the "Ohio," which they have renamed the "Calgaric" and the "Albertic" after the two provinces in Canada.

The secret of broken doors and furniture in the movies is out. The stalk of the yucca, a plant of Southern California and other parts of the southwest, furnishes material that looks heavy, but is light and brittle. A chair made of yucca can be broken over the head of an actor without damaging his scalp.

During the month of March 117 new members of the London Chamber of Commerce were elected. They included sixteen members of the House of Lords and seventeen of the House of Commons. There are now 164 members of the Lords and 103 members of the Commons on the Chamber's roll of membership.

"The only person in the business world who is completely free from fear is the office boy. It is not the trifling, if necessary, services he performs, but the sense of unclipped freedom he conveys that makes him the darling of every business house," writes Anne W. Armstrong, in "Harper's Monthly." "Still trailing clouds of glory, in his insouciant young person, he brings to the harassed and harassed persons for whom he fetches and carries memories—at once comforting and tormenting—of the heaven from which they, too, have come. He bears on his slender, inconspicuous shoulders the huge portentous weight of some international banking house, for example, as lightly as a feather. Everybody else aspires to do the same, and nobody else succeeds."

The importance of the part which a clown may play in the general scheme of education has now been officially recognised by the award to "Coco," the popular clown of the Cirque de Paris, of the "Palme Académique"—a distinction usually reserved to professors and distinguished writers. Coco, whose real name is Raoul Jouin, has spent the whole of his life in the circus, for he was born at the Nouveau Cirque in Paris, and began his career as an entertainer when only 9 years old. Before he became a clown he was a brilliant and daring trick rider, and first established his fame by jumping on horseback into a pond from a height of thirty feet. During the war he not only played his part in the fighting regiments, but rendered invaluable service as an entertainer in rest camps and hospitals.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The oldest and best-known guide in Snowdonia, Robert Owen, has died in his 74th year at his cottage at Nantgwynant. He was an experienced botanist, geologist, and antiquarian.

Mr. Alfred Ollivant, the novelist, of Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington, and Kingston Gorse, Littlehampton, the author of "Owd Bob," "The Gentleman," "The Royal Road," and a number of other books, who died on January 19, aged 52, left £32,784, with net personalty £19,045.

London papers announce that the death occurred in his 82nd year, of the Right Hon. Eugene Wason, formerly M.P. for South Ayrshire and afterwards for Clackmannan and Kinross. It occurred at his London house, 8, Sussex Gardens, Hyde Park, and is attributed to heart failure following on an attack of influenza.

Mr. S. F. Gilbert, the well-known operatic singer, has died in London at the age of sixty-seven from cancer. He was a native of Mansfield, and sang with the Carl Rosa and Rouseby's Operatic Companies, and afterwards toured the provinces with his own company and with the D'Oyly Carte operas. Mr. Gilbert travelled overseas, and later visited America as a ballad singer.

Miss Megan Lloyd George is rapidly becoming a first-class speaker and promises to be a formidable rival of Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, who has for some years been regarded by many as one of the best women platform speakers. Remarks of a gossip writer in a Home paper, Miss Lloyd George is just 25 and a most attractive young person. She has inherited some of the talents of her father, including the quick ingenuous turning of a phrase, accompanied by a lightning sense of humour. In spite of this, Miss Lloyd George has a strong personality. She prepares all her speeches unaided, and holds her own decided opinions on most of the important questions of the day.

Engineer Captain W. R. Parnall, C.B., R.N., has been appointed a Naval Aide-de-Camp to the King (from April 11), in place of Engineer Captain E. P. St. J. Benn, A.D.C., promoted to Engineer Rear-Admiral.

Among the passengers leaving on the Messageries Maritimes s.s. "Athos II," on Tuesday for Marseilles was Professor Harry Fidler, who has been giving a series of occult demonstrations in the Colony during the past few weeks.



One of the most popular of the nobility in the Balkan States is the Princess Olga, wife of Prince Paul of Yugoslavia. She was formerly Princess Olga of Greece.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston left the Colony for Australia by the "Mishima Maru" yesterday. Mr. Ormiston will be much missed at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in connection with whose affairs he has played a leading part particularly in the organising of the lectures which proved so popular and instructive during the winter months.

The "Femina Vie Heureuse" prize for 1925-16 has been awarded to Miss Radclyffe Hall for her novel "Adam's Breed." The "Bookman" prize for 1925-26 has been awarded to Dr. Etienne Burnet for his novel "La Porte du Sauveur."

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Charles Christie Warren, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Kwong Sang," to Henrietta May Sully, residing at No. 2, W.O.D. Quarters, Kennedy Road; and of Antonio Francisco Botelho da Cunha, clerk, residing at No. 307, Nathan Road, Kowloon to Ricardina Maria Carmo da Luz, residing at No. 17, Granville Road, Kowloon.

A typical Parisian is M. Morain, who is retiring from the post of Prefect of Police for the Department of the Seine—that is, Paris and its suburbs. M. Morain, who is about to undertake work in connection with one of the commissions of the League of Nations, reminds one in appearance of Henry IV., and in recent years he has been a familiar figure in the capital. Like one of the most popular of his predecessors, M. Lépine, M. Morain was always on the spot when there were disturbances in the streets, and gave his subordinates a laudable example of sangfroid. He devoted himself energetically, among other matters, to the traffic problem. It may be recalled that he visited London a year or two ago to study the management of traffic there, and some of the ideas that he gained on that occasion have been put into practice in Paris. Like all foreigners, M. Morain was immensely impressed with the unquestioned authority exercised by and the implicit obedience accorded the London policeman, and there can be no doubt that as a result of his efforts and instructions the motorist of Paris has to-day a much greater respect for the "agent" at the cross-roads than was the case a few years ago. M. Morain is succeeded by M. Jean Chappet, who has had a brilliant career as head of the Surete Generale, the Scotland Yard of Paris.

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SPORTS SECTION

LAWN TENNIS.

EXHIBITION MATCH TO-DAY.

A TIENTSIN CHALLENGE.

The exhibition match in aid of the Indian Recreation Club Pavilion Fund will be played on the Stand Court, Hong Kong Cricket Club ground to-day commencing at 4.30 p.m., weather permitting.

In view of the above arrangement, the League match between the Chinese Recreation Club and the Indian Recreation Club which was fixed for to-day, will be played tomorrow on the courts of the former Club commencing at 5.15 p.m.

Invitation From Tientsin.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association Mr. Douglas S. Green has received a letter from the Tientsin Association inviting Hong Kong to participate in a series of matches to be played in Tientsin this summer. Mr. Green has decided to circulate the various Clubs, asking them for opinions on the subject and it will be some time yet before a decision can be reached.

Last year, Shanghai, Waseda University and Tientsin played an unusually interesting series of matches in Tientsin at the end of July. Each port was represented by at least three players who met the representatives of the rival ports in three singles and two doubles matches and at the end of a week's tournament, the Waseda University gained the decision on the very last match played. Tientsin beat Shanghai by the odd match in five.

The Tournament was organised by Tientsin and was first held last year. It proved such a great success that the Association there has been encouraged to organise another for this year. Much has been heard about Hong Kong by the Tientsin Association and an attempt is being made to induce Hong Kong to take part in the tournament.

A great deal depends upon whether our leading players are willing to brave the trip to Tientsin. The distance is nearly two thousand miles. It necessitates a break at Shanghai and takes about a week. It is doubtful, therefore, if Hong Kong will take part.

A suggestion has been made to revive the Interport with Shanghai. The last one was held in Shanghai in 1923 when the Colony lost. Interest in the game is greater now than it has ever been before and a revival of the Interport would be welcomed.

BRITISH DAVIS CUP TEAM.

Mr. S. Powell Blackmore writes from London on April 10—

Why not select the best available Davis Cup lawn tennis team this year?

I put that query to the Lawn Tennis Association in all seriousness, because if the strongest team were put into court Great Britain would have an excellent chance of qualifying for the final round of this international competition. It will come as a shock to readers to learn that leading tournament players who are available under the rules to play as amateurs for their country have been consciously passed over by selectors and are in consequence to-day conspicuous absentees from the trial matches now proceeding at Wimbledon.

Two players I have particularly in mind are D. M. Greig and C. G. Eames. The long sequence of tournament victories to the credit of these players entitles them, on comparative form, to be among those now participating in the international trials.

Strongest in Singles.

Many good judges would rank Greig as the strongest singles player in the country. Among his wins last year was his victory in the championships at Wimbledon over O. G. M. Turnbull, then playing first for Great Britain in the Davis Cup team. Without being over-emphatic as to the ranking of Eames, I would say that he is—if not the most brilliant—one of the most brilliant doubles players in the country.

The way in which these men have been ruled "out of bounds" must surely be unique in the annals of sport. Both are amateurs under the constitution; they are allowed to play in as many open tournaments as they enter for, yet the Lawn Tennis Association have passed a resolution to themselves declaring that it is not in the interests of the game for players associated with sports manufacturing firms to be picked for international matches.

That resolution was passed in council in defiance of the repeated defeats at annual general meetings, whenever councillors attempted to record a new rule withdrawing the amateur status privileges from players employed by sports manufacturers.

"I regard that resolution," declared a leading councillor to me yesterday, "as a blot on the actions of my governing body. It is a subterfuge—and a discreditable one at that."

Players' Rights.

Expenses of international teams, which are heavy, are defrayed from the general funds of the association.

ON THE LINKS.

ANOTHER SENSATION AT HOYLAKE.

STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

London, May 25.

At Hoylake a young American named Haley, who was entered from Sundridge Park, defeated Tolley on the third round by one up.

Tolley's conqueror is a native of New York, who is studying the leather trade in London. He had not played before in an open competition. He said "It was a fine exciting game. Sometimes I

thought I was a goner, but Tolley was most unlucky in being bunkered."

Other giants to fall were the ex-native champion, Robinson, who was another of Sutton's victims by three and two. The latter is seriously regarded for the title. Wethered defeated Hassall (Bromborough) by three and two.

Captain Jobson (St. Andrews) beat Hezlet by five and four—Reuter.

H.K. CRICKET CLUB.

A SECOND STOREY TO PAVILION.

The Committee of the Hong Kong Cricket Club propose adding a second storey to the Pavilion, and also to make other additions and improvements to the building. Their plans will be laid before a general meeting of members which has been called for next Tuesday evening to decide whether the club is justified in going forward with these proposals.

Particularly is more dressing room required, and this can only be obtained by building another floor. If this is done there will be a glass screened frontage on the top of the pavilion, similar to that already in existence on the present floor, and there will also be in the second storey a lounge, or tiffin room, reading-room, and bar. The present lounge will be converted into dressing rooms.

Plans, showing the suggested addition and alterations are now on view at the Pavilion.

and these moneys we take largely from the pockets of tournament players and clubs, by direct taxation. Therefore, the player has the inalienable right to demand that the best use should be made of his money in being represented by the strongest available English talent.

"Continental and Dominion players who have trade jobs compete against Great Britain in the Davis Cup competition; they play against us at Wimbledon, and I consider the case to be model of what is an unanswerable one against the national governing body."

"It might clarify the situation if the Press could obtain from the Lawn Tennis Association its defence for defying the considered verdict of all annual general meetings at which the question has been raised."

It would have helped if this councillor had given me permission to use his name. It is known not; but he reminds me that councillors, by their illegal resolution, are deliberately forcing Great Britain to appear in international match play to be weaker in talent than we actually are.

SHANGHAI ASSOCIATION.

Paid Secretary Appointed For Season.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association was held in the Cathedral School for Boys recently with Captain E. I. M. Barrett in the chair. The reports and accounts having been passed, a resolution regarding the appointment of a paid secretary was put to the meeting. It was suggested that the remuneration for the secretary should be \$2000 per season, and Mr. B. C. Ayres was suggested for the post. The resolution was passed.

A proposal that the entrance fee for matches should be reduced was referred back to the incoming committee for consideration, after some discussion.

The following officials were then elected:—President, Capt. E. I. M. Barrett; Vice-president, Mr. N. Leale; and the Hon. Mr. J. M. Barrett.

The dates for the finals of the Shanghai tennis championships were arranged.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring honorary secretary, Mr. A. L. Sullivan.

RACING.

JOCKEY CLUB'S EXTRA MEETING.

LIST OF HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the fourth extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club:

Green Island Handicap: "A" Class: Six Furlongs.

Total Abstinence, 159 lb; Baccarat, 159 lb; King of Troy, 159 lb; Blackwood Hall (late Silky), 158 lb; King of the Plains, 158 lb; The Gomeril, 158 lb; Papyrus, 157 lb; The Gezer, 156 lb; Misty Eve, 155 lb; May (late Hao Mei), 155 lb; Shan Mein, 152 lb; Leaf, 152 lb; Limestone Hall (late Young Dealer), 152 lb; Shanghai Friend, 152 lb; Home Call, 149 lb; Battle Eve, 149 lb; September, 140 lb.

Green Island Handicap: "B" Class: Six Furlongs.

San Diego, 163 lb; Grande del Norte, 163 lb; Laceda II, 161 lb; Dobbin, 161 lb; Little Sit Tang, 160 lb; Pottenbush, 158 lb; Dick Lo, 157 lb; Bagheera, 157 lb; Loch Tummel, 155 lb; Dragon Boat, 155 lb; Kom Tong Hall, 155 lb; August, 155 lb; Espoir, 155 lb; The Regent, 153 lb; Grey Knight, 153 lb; Tangle, 152 lb; Loongwa, 152 lb; Barley Grass, 149 lb; Bright Eve, 148 lb.

Green Island Handicap: "C" Class: Six Furlongs.

Bing Boy, 160 lb; Salvo, 160 lb; Loch Rannoch, 159 lb; King Alan, 158 lb; Craigavad, 158 lb; Scooter, 154 lb; Easter Day, 153 lb; Borderer, 150 lb; Mowgli, 150 lb; Yorks, 148 lb; Circe, 145 lb; Sugar Leaf, 145 lb; Vincent, 143 lb; The Sandpiper, 143 lb; Jackie Coogan, 143 lb; Valour, 142 lb; Cra, 139 lb.

Beaufort Handicap: "A" Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

Brigade Call, 165 lb; Ukelele, 162 lb; The Gomeril, 158 lb; Blackwood Hall (late Silky), 158 lb; Papyrus, 157 lb; Total Abstinence, 155 lb; King of Troy, 155 lb; The Gezer, 155 lb; May (late Hao Mei), 155 lb; King of the Plains, 155 lb; Attaboy, 152 lb; Shanghai Friend, 152 lb; Misty Eve, 152 lb; Limestone Hall (late Young Dealer), 152 lb; Leaf, 150 lb; Dragon Boat, 145 lb.

Beaufort Handicap: "B" Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

San Diego, 165 lb; Dobbin, 163 lb; Grande del Norte, 162 lb; Laceda II, 161 lb; Pottenbush, 158 lb; Loch Tummel, 157 lb; Grey Knight, 155 lb; August, 155 lb; Bagheera, 155 lb; Espoir, 155 lb; Tangle, 153 lb; Salvo, 153 lb; Craigavad, 151 lb; Barley Grass, 149 lb; Loch Rannoch, 149 lb; King Alan, 148 lb; Bright Eve, 148 lb; Easter Day, 145 lb; Scooter, 145 lb; Yorks, 143 lb.

Lantau Handicap: "A" Class: One Mile.

Brigade Call, 164 lb; Macao Beauty, 164 lb; Baccarat, 161 lb; Ukelele, 161 lb; Total Abstinence, 159 lb; King of Troy, 159 lb; The Gezer, 159 lb; King of the Plains, 158 lb; The Gomeril, 158 lb; Blackwood Hall (late Silky), 158 lb; Misty Eve, 155 lb; Lilac (late Percuss), 155 lb; Papyrus, 155 lb; May (late Hao Mei), 155 lb; Leaf, 152 lb; Shan Mein, 152 lb; Attaboy, 152 lb; Shanghai Friend, 152 lb; Limestone Hall (late Young Dealer), 152 lb; Home Call, 149 lb; Battle Eve, 149 lb.

Lantau Handicap: "B" Class: One Mile.

San Diego, 163 lb; Grande del Norte, 163 lb; Laceda II, 161 lb; Dobbin, 161 lb; Little Sit Tang, 160 lb; Pottenbush, 158 lb; Bagheera, 157 lb; Dick Lo, 157 lb; Loch Tummel, 155 lb; Dragon Boat, 155 lb; August, 155 lb; Kom Tong Hall, 155 lb; Espoir, 155 lb; Grey Knight, 153 lb; Tangle, 152 lb; Loongwa, 152 lb; Barley Grass, 149 lb; Bright Eve, 148 lb.

Lantau Handicap: "C" Class: One Mile.

Bing Boy, 160 lb; Salvo, 160 lb; Loch Rannoch, 159 lb; Craigavad, 158 lb; King Alan, 158 lb; Scooter, 154 lb; Easter Day, 153 lb; Borderer, 150 lb; Mowgli, 150 lb; Yorks, 148 lb; Kazuka (late The Gaby), 145 lb; Sugar Leaf, 145 lb; Circe, 145 lb; Jackie Coogan, 143 lb; Vincent, 143 lb; The Sandpiper, 143 lb; Valour, 142 lb.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTRA MEETING.

FIRST DAYS' SELECTIONS.

Preparations are proceeding at the Macao race course to make conditions as attractive as possible for visitors, and Hong Kong racing enthusiasts will not regret a trip over to the neighbouring Colony. The pari-mutuel departments have been enlarged and taking advantage of previous experiences, facilities are being provided to expedite payment of dividends. A number of Hong Kong clerks have been engaged to work up the dividends on each race. The Cash Sweep department, too, is under Hong Kong management. Improvements and enlargements are being completed in all stands. The Jockeys' and Stewards' stands are to be provided with temporary coverings which will be a boon to those who had to remain out in the open on previous occasions.

The following are the results of the second day's races of the Tientsin Race Club's Spring Meeting:—

1.—The Llama Miao Cup—1 1/4 miles. Hardale's Kingsbridge, 1. Zimmerman's Almace, 2. W. M. Howell's Gobi Trite, 3. Time, 3 min. 9-4/5 sec.

2.—The Visitor's Cup—1/4 mile. Borrow's Assessor, 1. Kirkwell's Windfall, 2. F.M.S.'s Tramor, 3. Time, 1 min. 22-1/2 sec.

Hong Kong riders will, as in the past, be present in force, and will, doubtless, give a very good account of themselves. A notable absentee will be Mr. Wong, who has returned to Macao till next December for the annual meeting.

From hotel bookings it seems that Hong Kong visitors will outnumber previous meetings, and the list includes some prominent members of the British and Chinese communities. Hotel accommodation will be taxed to the utmost, and should be a motive for increased facilities in this direction being provided at Macao.

The Programme.

The following is the programme for the above meeting:—

First Day.

1. The May Novices Stakes, 6 furlongs; 2. The Oporto Handicap "A" Class, 6 furlongs; 3. The Sprig Dec Plate, 5 furlongs; 4. The Monte Stakes, 6 furlongs; 5. The Monte Stakes, 1 1/4 miles; 6. The Griffin Plate, once round; 7. The Sprint Race, half mile; 8. The Kalgan Plate, 1 mile; 9. The Oporto Handicap "B" Class, 6 furlongs; 10. The Grand Scurry, 3 furlongs.

Second Day.

1. The Itha Verde Plate, 1 mile; 2. The Lisboa Handicap "A" Class, 1 1/4 miles; 3. The Corner House Stakes, 1 mile; 4. The Llama Miao Plate, 6 furlongs; 5. The Lisboa Handicap "B" Class, 1 1/4 miles; 6. The All Out Stakes, 6 furlongs; 7. The Mid-Summer Plate, half mile; 8. The Praia Grande Stakes, 1 mile; 9. The Novices Race, half mile.

The first race takes place at 2.15 p.m. on the first day, and on the second day at 1.15 p.m.

Selections.

Our selections for the first day (Saturday) are as under:

May Novices Stakes.

Yuen Sin.

Jan Dor.

Aroia Preta.

Operto Handicap "A" Class.

Wild Fellow.

Shanghai Friend.

Chow Tze Lon.

Fir Dee Plate.

Laceda II.

Cherry Brandy.

Honey Moon.

Sprint Stakes.

Beautiful Terrace.

Green Island.

Castle.

Monte Stakes.

Tap Siao.

Lucky Star.

Gold Star.

Griffin's Plate.

August.

Sung Ning.

Sham Mein.

Sprint Race.

Loongwa.

Chow Tze Lon.

The Regent.

Kalgan Plate.

Macao Beauty.

Chui Chow Ning.

U-n.

Operto Handicap "B" Class.

Dragon Boat.

Scooter.

Soapy Sponge.

Grand Scurry.

Dick Lo.

Glenmerin.

Sea Crow.

Second Day.

Itha Verde Plate.

May.

Beautiful Terrace.

Peking.

Lisboa Handicap "A" Class.

Leaf.

Flash Star.

Wild Fellow.

Corner House Stakes.

Dick Lo.

Tap Siao.

Little Sit Tang.

Lilama Miao Plate.

Chui Chow Ning.

U-n.

Lucky Star.

Lisboa Handicap "B" Class.

August.

Scooter.

Veloz.

Easter Day.

All Out Stakes.

Chow Tze Lon.

Soapy Sponge.

Sand Piper.

Mid-Summer Plate.

Loongwa.

Sea Crow.

Six Hundred.

Praia Grande Stakes.

Baccarat.

Hon Sin.

Macao Beauty.

Novices Race.

Chang Ka Kou.

Jan Ja.

Castle.

TIENTSIN SPRING RACE MEETING.

WHITE JADE WINS DERBY.

The following are the results of the second day's races of the Tientsin Race Club's Spring Meeting:—

1.—The Llama Miao Cup—1 1/4 miles. Hardale's Kingsbridge, 1. Zimmerman's Almace, 2. W. M. Howell's Gobi Trite, 3. Time, 3 min. 9-4/5 sec.

2.—The Visitor's Cup—1/4 mile. Borrow's Assessor, 1. Kirkwell's Windfall, 2. F.M.S.'s Tramor, 3. Time, 1 min. 22-1/2 sec.

3.—The Criterion Stakes—1 mile. Zimmerman's Almace, 1. W. J. Warmley's Chesterfield, 2. Ratser's Rough Diamond, 3. Time, 2 min. 15-1/5 sec.

4.—The Chihli Cup—1 1/4 miles. Desmond's Kildare, 1. Zimmerman's Eldoramen, 2. A. E. Tipper's The Emu, 3. Time, 2 min. 38-4/5 sec.

5.—The Hai-Ho Cup—7 furlongs. Liddell and Ross's Crackman, 1. W. J. Warmley's Grey Squirrel, 2. Border's Border Laird, 3. Time, 1 min. 44-3/5 sec.

6.—The Tientsin Derby—1 1/4 miles. L. and L.'s White Jade, 1. Zimmerman's Mayla, 2. W. M. B.'s Sain Balnah, 3. Time, 3 min. 17 sec.

7.—The Club Cup—1 1/4 miles. L. and L.'s Kennelman, 1. Stewart and Mazot's Oran, 2. Ross's Squire Cholmondeley, 3. Time, 2 min. 35-4/5 sec.

8.—The Tientsin Stakes—1 1/4 miles. J. Buron's Courage, 1. J. M. D.'s Rambler, 2. J. E. Andrews's Bronzite, 3. Time, 3 min. 49-2/5 sec.

9.—The Hai Kwan Ssu Plate—1 mile. J. Burton's Mokoia, 1. H. V. B.'s Weybridge, 2. Zimmerman's Demon, 3. Time, 2 min. 2 sec.

10.—The Spring Cup—1/2 mile. W. J. Warmley's Shanklin, 1. Colin Langland's Torrington, 2. Time, 1 min. 31-3/5 sec.

11.—The Fengtien Plate—5 furlongs. Smith's Ginger, 1. Zimmerman's Rastaban, 2. S. Gilmore's Mulrea, 3. Time, 1 min. 13-4/5 sec.

THIRD DAYS' RACING.

1.—The Eclipse Stakes—1 mile. H. V. B.'s Weybridge, 1. Maj. J. J. Kirkpatrick's Windfall, 2. J. M. D.'s Lyric, 3. Time, 2 min. 5-2/5 sec.

2.—A Sweepstakes—1 1/2 miles. J. M. D.'s Rambler, 1. E. W. Fitchford's The Kid, 2. Ewo's Huntsman, 3. Time, 3 min. 14-2/5 sec.

3.—The Mongol Cup—1/4 mile. Zimmerman's Almace, 1. Greverick's Frontenac, 2. Marston Watson's Country Club, 3. Time, 1 min. 32-3/5 sec.

4.—The Grand Cup—1 1/4 miles. Zimmerman's Eldoramen II, 1. Desmond's Kildare, 2. L. and L.'s Kennelman, 3. Time, 2 min. 37-2/5 sec.

5.—The Shanghai Plate—5 furlongs. Zimmerman's Iskra, 1. Rhodan's Petit Charlie, 2. A. E. Tipper's Japhet, 3. Time, 1 min. 13-3/5 sec.

6.—The Pari-Mutuel Cup—1 1/4 miles. Zimmerman's Almace, 1. J. W. M.'s Kestrel, 2. W. M. Howell's Gobi Eve, 3. Time, 3 min. 50-1/5 sec.

IN THE RING.

IRON BUX LEAVING FOR SAIGON.

Iron Bux, the Hong Kong boy pugilist, will be leaving shortly for Saigon where he will have two fights given him by Andre Dupre.

His first bout will be with a Senegalese, named Amadu, who is reputed to have beaten all men at his weight and also claims a victory against Batling Sikli.

The local ex-champion's second fight there has not been arranged so far, but he has been guaranteed \$300 for each fight whether win or lose, his passage to and fro being paid by the promoter.

ARMY TOURNAMENT IN SHANGHAI.

Most classes reached the semi-final, and some the final, stage on May 19 in the boxing tournament of the 13th Infantry at the Carlton, Shanghai, before a fair crowd. There were fifteen bouts in all, two fights failing to materialise, the one through the indisposition of one of the boxers, and the other through the failure of one of the contestants to turn up.

Boxing was of a considerably higher standard than on the first round, though once again there were some poor encounters, with little science shown. These usual ended early on. Other bouts were, however, interesting throughout and science and pluck distinguished by the fighters.

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IN THE RING.

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start to finish, Fleming doing most of the attacking but leaving himself open on several occasions. It seemed as if he underestimated Webber's skill, for the Durham boxer found a number of openings left for him which he usually would not receive from such a fighter.

Fighting was even through the three rounds, Fleming appearing to get the edge on points through being on the offensive most of the time. Fleming also appeared to be holding some of his punches when close in. The decision was announced in favour of Webber, but was afterwards reversed by the referee, who explained that there had been confusion in the arrangement of signals with the judges.

Another good fight was that between Cpl. Holford of the Durhams and Pte. Stroud of the Devons. Stroud took the count in the second round. Holford showed himself a clever boxer and a difficult man to hit.

Featherweights.

1.—Pte. Olive (Middlesex) got the decision over Pte. Brown (Suffolks). The fight was a good one there being little to choose between the two men.

2.—Pte. Flinders (Green Howards) won the verdict from Sig. Martin (Royal Corps of Signals). Flinders had advantage in reach and strength and gave Martin little chance.

3.—L/Cpl. Moss (Glosters) won from Pte. Batchelor (Beds and Herts) by a technical knock out in round two, the referee stopping the fight when Batchelor was nearly out as a result of several lefts to the jaw.

4.—L/Cpl. Allen (Green Howards) won by decision from L/Cpl. Bowsfield of the same regiment. There was only one man in it from start to finish, but Allen failed to land the knock out punch.

5.—Pte. Hill (Green Howards) beat L/Cpl. Goodall (Middlesex) by a knock out in round three. Goodall established a lead in round one. Round two was even. Hill landed a lucky one in round three which ended the fight.

6.—Pte. Lofthouse (Borders) won a narrow decision over Dun. Woodward (Middlesex). Rounds one and two were even and fast. Lofthouse scored more freely in round three.

7.—Bandsman Knowles (Green Howards) defeated L/Cpl. Brent of the same regiment in a poorly contested bout. Knowles was clearly the better man throughout.

8.—Pte. Smith (Green Howards) was all over Pte. Ginger (Middlesex) throughout the three rounds. Pte. Ginger was wild. A piece of comic relief was introduced when the sole of Ginger's shoe parted from the body, and Ginger fought the last round in stocking feet. Smith got the decision.

9.—Sgt. Fleming (Middlesex) got the decision over L/Cpl. Webber (Durhams) in a special bout, which was the best of the evening. The margin of points was narrow.

Middleweights.

10.—Pte. Pooley (Middlesex) had a walk over from Pte. Newbiggin (Glosters) who was unable to fight on doctor's orders.

11.—Pte. Lowe (Borders) had a walk over from Sig. Hunt (R. C. of S.) when the latter failed to show up.

12.—Cpl. Pithers (Beds. and Herts.) won from L/Cpl. Stafford (Borders), the latter being disqualified for leaning on his man after being twice warned by the referee. The fight had the makings of one of the best of the evening, but holding and wrestling spoiled it.

13.—Cpl. Holford (Durhams) knocked out Pte. Stroud (Devons) in round two. Holford was far the cleverer boxer. The referee stopped the fight when Stroud was obviously unable to continue.

Heavyweights.

14.—Cpl. Sharp (Suffolks) knocked out Pte. Spies (Glosters) in round one. Sharp landed twice to the jaw in the first few seconds and had Spies groggy. Another right finished the fight.

15.—L/Cpl. Powell (Green Howards) knocked out Pte. Wren (Borders) in round two. Wren knew nothing about boxing and was at Powell's mercy from the start; Wren took some time coming too.

Welterweights.

16.—Pte. Ball (Borders) was lucky to get the decision over Pte. Miles (Middlesex). Round one was even. Rounds two and three went to Miles who played to the body and seldom allowed Ball to land. The decision was a poor one.

17.—Pte. Hibaby (Middlesex) won from Sig. Mays (R. C. of S.) when the latter retired in round two. Hibaby was the stronger man and better fighter. He appeared to be in magnificent condition.

SINISTER MYSTERY.

SAMPAN GIRL BELIEVED MURDERED.

Several days ago the disappearance was reported of a boat girl on board a boat stolen from the Ping On wharf during her mother's absence ashore. Further clues have now been discovered which strengthen the suspicion of foul play on the part of robbers. It will be remembered that after a long search the sampan was found abandoned in Yau-mai Bay. The boat was in a state of disorder. When the boatmistress searched the place where the family valuables were kept she found that jewellery worth nearly \$200 had been carried away. At first it was thought the mistress's daughter had been kidnapped but the presence of blood spots and matted hair on various parts of the boat soon discounted this clue and the worst was feared. A further search has led to the discovery of the broken handle of a heavy iron hammer owned by the boat people. The metal part is missing, as also are an iron anchor and the grindstone. The theory now is that the girl was killed by the robbers and then thrown overboard with the heavy implements fastened to her body.



Mr. Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, who was sent by President Coolidge as his agent in Nicaragua to acquaint American representatives there with the views of the Administration, and to bring back information on conditions in the Central American republic.

PIGS THAT DIED.

UNUSUAL TURN IN A COURT CASE.

When the hearing was resumed before Mr. W. Schofield in the case in which three Chinese were charged with the possession of 40 pigs which were alleged to have formed part of the booty of a piracy outside the waters of the Colony on April 20, there was an unexpected development which caused a little amusement in Court.

Sub-Ins. Dorling made an application for the disposal of 14 of the animals which had died since the last hearing. The Veterinary Surgeon had examined the dead swine and was satisfied that they had died of lack of exercise. The prosecution was asking for an order giving the Police power to sell the animals. The money realised could be placed in the custody of the Court and handed to whichever party won the case.

The order was made and the accused remanded until this afternoon.

LOCAL UNION RAIDED.

The Woo Ping Labour Union in King Street was raided by the police yesterday and as the result of certain discoveries twelve members were arrested. Six were subsequently released while the remainder are being detained for investigation. The union has over a thousand members the majority of whom are makers of wooden trunks.

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AT THE QUEEN'S.

"CHEERFUL FRAUD" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

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And if you think anyone has ever had troubles, just go and see what happened to Mr. Denny in "The Cheerful Fraud." The whole production, plentifully sprinkled with novel situations and superb "gags," is a tribute to the directional skill of William A. Selter, who gets credit for making the production. There are no big mob scenes, lapses of time or spectacular settings for comedy. Instead, there are only six persons spending a week-end at an English country home and from this modest situation, the director has wrung a wealth of comedy to move one into almost dangerous stages of laughter.

Mr. Denny is surrounded by supporting players who provide excellent foils for his comedy antics and themselves contribute many touches of comedy. Gertrude Olmsted is charming in the feminine lead and Olla Harlan, Gertrude Gerrard are splendid in supporting roles.

"The Cheerful Fraud" is a screen version of the popular humorous novel by K. R. G. Browne. The third lesson of the Charles-ton will be screened at all shows.

AT THE STAR.

"EMPTY HANDS" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

This story, which Carey Wilson adapted from the novel of the same name by Arthur Stringer, furnishes the nth degree of excitement and is filled with dramatic contrasts and conflicts.

Briefly it deals with the cinema-ventures of a man and a woman who find themselves lost in the wilderness, miles from civilisation. Their struggle for existence, the hardships they endure, and finally their love for each other are all grippingly and sympathetically portrayed. The picture is one of daring situations and contrasts. The viciousness of life in certain fast social sets is truthfully depicted and is placed for startling comparison against the cleanliness of life in the Northern woods.

The featured role is in the capable hands of Jack Holt who is ably supported by Norma Shearer. Not all the acting honours fall to the lot of these two; the other members of the cast do very good work. Among those who are deserving of honourable mention are Gertrude Olmsted, Charles Clary, Ward Crane, Ramsey Wallace, Hank Mann and Hazel Keener.

WORLD THEATRE.

"OH BABY" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

Little Billy, a new screen comedian makes his bow in "Oh Baby." Little Billy, as his name suggests, is a diminutive gentleman measuring in fact forty inches in height in spite of the fact that he has already attained the age of twenty-eight. This pint-size player is well known on the vaudeville stage all over America where he has been featured in many theatrical attractions.

Madge Kennedy, popular comedienne of the footlights, is the leading woman. The two were enthusiastic over her last two stage vehicles "Poppy" and "Beware of Widows," while picture fans saw her most recently in "Lying Wives" and "Bad Company."

Creighton Hale, another member of the cast, has recently scored with Marion Davies in "Beverly of Graustark." Ethel Shannon, David Butler and Flora Finch are others featured in "Oh, Baby!" The picture has been directed by Harley Knoles who also wrote the story. The plot is an interesting one with many moments of spontaneous comedy and several distinctly original twists.

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HONG KONG PROPERTY DISPUTE.

WHO WERE LESSEES?

A dispute between the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and the landlords as to premises formerly occupied by the O.S.K. in Hong Kong had a sequel in the Supreme Court this morning, when they were sued by the owners of the premises, Lam Kam-mow and Chan Tong.

According to the plaintiffs' statement of claim, by a lease dated August 16, 1918, the premises known as 18, 18A, 18B and 18C, Macdonnell Road, were demised to the defendants for a term of six years with an option of a further term of four years. On April 7, the premises were assigned to the plaintiffs subject to the terms of the said lease.

Plaintiffs claimed a declaration that the defendants exercised the said option and thereby became tenants of the premises for a further period of four years; (2) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants are estopped from denying that they exercised the said option; (3) specific performance and payment of rent accrued due; (4) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants at all material times were and still are the tenants from year to year, and payment of rent due; (5) alternatively, the sum of \$1,012.50; (6) alternatively, in respect of the claim generally, damages.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. F. E. Nash) were for plaintiffs and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. Hugh Jones) for the defendants.

Exercise of Option?

Mr. Potter referred to the statement of defence that had been filed. Defendants held, according to this, that the lease in question was not to plaintiffs at all but to one, Mr. Yamasaki, and, alternatively, that if it was a lease to the defendants it was illegal and void. Defendants also denied that they had exercised an option and that the plaintiffs were entitled to \$1,012 and, finally, stated that if they were tenants at all—which they denied—they were monthly tenants and could terminate the tenancy on giving a month's notice.

The defendants had in fact, said counsel, given notice to quit in August, 1926, and had left the premises the next month. Counsel referred to the lease which was the subject of the claim and, dealing firstly with the question of who was the lessee, said that in the names of the parties to the lease as first mentioned in the document, the name of Mr. Yamasaki, Manager of the O.S.K., appeared for the lessee.

He did not argue, said counsel, that a lessee could not be described in that manner in a lease as manager of a firm but he did put it to His Lordship that it was most unusual merely as a matter of distinction to add to the name of a person the fact that he was manager of any particular firm and counsel submitted that even if Mr. Yamasaki was treating with the plaintiffs as the lessee, he was doing so on behalf of the O.S.K. so that in fact, the O.S.K. were the real principals.

Execution of Lease.

Counsel then referred to the striking out of the execution of the lease of the names of Mr. Yamasaki and his attorney and the substitution for it as lessees of the name of the O.S.K. with Mr. Yamasaki as manager. Plaintiffs, said counsel, attached considerable importance to this change in the execution of the document and suggested that it was deliberately done. He was not suggesting that it was improper done but it was clearly the execution of the O.S.K. itself and therefore was of the utmost importance when considering who were the real lessees of this property.

Mr. Potter made two submissions with regard to the lease: (1) that the defendants were the real parties to the lease, because if they were not there would be no body executing the lease so far as the lessees were concerned; (2) in any event, the defendants were the real principals.

The defendants, said counsel, were the only persons the plain-

OLD RESIDENT.

DEATH OF MRS. S. W. WATTS TO-DAY.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Many old residents of the Colony will learn with very deep regret of the death at 86 Bonham Road this morning of Mrs. Watts, widow of Mr. S. W. Watts, who was at one time in charge of Dakin's Dispensary (later bought by A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.).

Mrs. Watts, who was a sister of Mrs. William Chewan, has been paralysed for fifteen years. Until a short time ago she was able to be carried out, but latterly she had not been able to go further than the house and grounds. In spite of her infirmity she was ever cheerful and ready to speak of old times in the Colony, she having arrived here in 1894.

The funeral passes the Monument this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.

HIGHER RANK.

Buenos Aires Legation Becomes Embassy.

Rugby, May 25. The King has approved the raising of His Majesty's Legation at Buenos Aires to the rank of an Embassy, to date from July 9 next, and has approved the appointment of Sir Malcolm Robertson, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Buenos Aires, to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.—British Wireless Service.

DESTITUTE.

MAN WHO JOINED STRIKE PICKET.

An unemployed Indian of no fixed abode was charged before Major Willson this morning with being a vagrant.

According to Acting Sub-Inspector Elston the man came out from India in 1924 to join the Maceo Police Force, but left after ten months' service. He went to Canton in 1925 where he took several jobs as watchman until the strike when he joined the strike pickets and worked with them throughout the strike. He arrived here this year, and falling to find employment, was reduced to his present state of destitution.

The man was committed to the House of Detention.

tiffs had ever dealt with and they had always paid the rent as the lessees. They themselves had claimed to be lessees through their own solicitors in correspondence arising out of other matters, continued counsel.

Alleged Admissions. Counsel referred to correspondence regarding repairs in which he claimed that the O.S.K. had dealt direct with the plaintiffs as lessees to landlord. On another matter, that of rent due, a writ had been served by the plaintiffs on the defendants some time previously and eventually, the defendants had paid the amount which they had been holding in abeyance for a claim in respect of repairs for which the plaintiffs had been alleged to be liable.

How was it, if as stated now by the defendants, the relation of landlord and tenant between plaintiffs and the O.S.K. no longer existed, that the O.S.K. in the previous case, had felt it wise to settle the plaintiff's claim with costs—amounting in all to \$3,000? asked counsel.

Counsel also claimed that there had been similar admissions from the O.S.K. in the course of previous correspondence as to their being the lessees—the occasion being one on which an attempt was made by the plaintiffs to increase the rent of the defendants.

It seemed to him, added counsel, that defendants claimed to be the lessees when it suited them and denied their liability when it did not and he would, in the course of further argument and evidence, he said, show that in this case, their denial was due to the fact that they had purchased a house elsewhere and therefore they gave notice to quit, holding that they were monthly tenants and nothing else. This was one thing in law, said counsel, which they were not allowed to do. The case is proceeding.

FLYING TO LONDON.

RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF LINDBERGH.

GREAT WELCOME ASSURED.

Rugby, May 25. Captain Lindbergh, who flew from New York to Paris, has accepted the invitation of the British Royal Aero Club to fly to London and attend a reception in his honour.

The time of his arrival at Croydon Aerodrome has been provisionally fixed for three o'clock next Monday afternoon. The public will be admitted to the aerodrome and Captain Lindbergh is assured of a great welcome.

Captain Lindbergh proposes to leave Paris on Saturday and fly to Brussels on his way to London.—British Wireless Service.

Wing of a Plane.

New London, Conn., May 19. The coast guard cutter 229 has sent a radio that it was en route here with an airplane wing which it had picked up at sea. Hope was expressed that the wing might aid in the solution of the mystery of the disappearance of Captain Nungesser and Captain Gail, French aviators who tried to fly from Paris to New York. The cutter was reported off Montauk Point.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS.

FORTY-ONE STATES PRESENT.

Geneva, May 25. The International Labour Conference which Sir Atul Chatterjee, was elected President, opened its proceedings by dealing in the afternoon with a resolution by an Indian worker, Mr. Giri, requesting the Labour Office to inquire into the question of forced labour in the countries of some colonies in Asia and Africa, the question of treating a breach of contract of service as a criminal offence, and the dismissal of employees without adequate grounds and compensation, and demanding that the delegations of countries possessing colonies include representatives of colonial workers, including natives and coloured workers. Numerous Delegates.

At the International Labour Conference there are forty-one States represented by 139 delegates and 184 substitutes and advisers.—Reuter.

GERMAN WAR MATERIAL.

Berlin, May 25. The Reichstag has approved the Bill forbidding the importation or manufacture for export purposes of war material, which is claimed to fulfil all the demands of the Allies arising out of the treaty of Versailles and to be in accordance with the Geneva understanding which the withdrawal of the military control commission was made conditional.—Reuter.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Jockey Club Annex, on FRIDAY, 10th June, 1927, at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 26th May, 1927.

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